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HUMAN HEART'S INGRATITUDE STARTED ALL THE AGITATION FOR A FREE BRIDGE HERE.

That Is What Attorney E. C. Higbee Argued Before the Viewers at Uniontown Yesterday Afternoon.

RELATED ACTS OF KINDNESS

Alleged to Have Been Done for Connellsville by the Yough Bridge Company—West Penn Blamed—McKean Argues for the Petitioners.

Arguments were heard in the small court room at Uniontown yesterday in the matter of a bridge view over the Youghiogheny river between Connellsville and New Haven. The viewers and attorneys were about the only persons present during the afternoon. The arguments were long and tedious and covered practically the points developed in the testimony at the hearing in City Hall on Tuesday. E. C. Higbee addressed the viewers for the bridge company and W. C. McKean spoke for the petitioners. Mr. Higbee said the ingratitude of the human heart was responsible for the movement to free the bridge between Connellsville and New Haven. He cited the many noble things and acts of public kindness the bridge company has done for Connellsville returning in detail its exemption of women and children from toll, laying stress on the fact that funeral parties are not charged and that the bridge company paid the borough $3,000 some years ago to improve the Main street entrance.

Attorney McKean at this point remarked that the bridge company could not have built its overhead structure without the present entrance at Main street on the Connellsville side and consent of Council and the Burgess first had to be obtained to the bridge landing there before the bridge could be built. Mr. Higbee also blamed the West Penn Railways Company for starting the free bridge agitation again and for getting the Connellsville Merchants' Association interested.

Mr. Higbee said the travelling public has no interest in whether the Yough bridge is made free or not. He said the kick comes largely from the merchants and others who have to pay tolls. He said workmen and the casual traveller pass and re-pass over the bridge have no complaint.

Laying aside the matter of public necessity that of compensation in case the bridge was taken over by the county was discussed. Mr. Higbee showed by the law that if it was taken the owners thereof should be compensated in full. And it mattered not as to the cost. During the past year the total net profits arising from tolls amounted to $11,900. The trolley company, under a contract which expires next October, pays $90 a month for the use of the tracks on the bridge.

It was hinted that if on the expiration of that time the West Penn trolley company would be obliged to pay 15 cents a car for each trip which would amount to several thousand dollars a year. Moreover, if the company charged women and children as they had a legal right to do their revenues would also be greatly enhanced. Taken all in all it was figured that if the company stood on their legal rights the net proceeds of the bridge each year would be about $25,000. Capitalized on this basis the owners would rather that the county would let them alone even though six per cent. gold bonds were offered.

The question of erecting another bridge for the accommodation of the traveling public was taken up and argued. Attorney Higbee said that this would be impossible for the reason that the place where the present bridge stands is the only public thoroughfare in that section and leading from one town to the other. On the Connellsville side of the river are the B. & O. tracks and there was no Act of Assembly by which such property can be condemned for a bridge. A scheme a few years ago to open up Apple street and build a bridge over the river at that point failed. According to his argument the present bridge must be made free or the people will be obliged to do as in the future as they have done for many years past and continue to pay their penny every time they cross the bridge.

Attorney W. C. McKean talked for about an hour in behalf of the petitioners for a free bridge using every argument possible in favor of the purchase of that structure by the county. He declared in emphatic terms that the payment of $11,000 or more a year in tolls is a burden on the general public and not a few people. He cited the increased cost of certain goods to the residents in New Haven, the prevention of competition by the payment of tolls and the general oppressive burden not only on the people of Connellsville, New Haven and community, but on the county at large.

In discussing the price that the county should pay for the bridge Mr. McKean argued that the basis of cost should be figured by the cost to erect a new structure and the value of the franchise but he claimed the court should not pay the bridge company what it figures it loses.

It is expected that the viewers will make their report Friday or Saturday afternoon. A report was expected today but there is such a mass of testimony and other details to be gone over that this will be impossible.

Joseph I. Sedgwick, the local manager, denied certain exceptions to statements appearing in this paper to the effect that he trafficked the bridge company for buying tickets from the express companies at a rate more than that usually charged. Mr. Sedgwick says that his employees on these tickets and got them as cheap as they could.

J. R. Balsley of the Youghiogheny Lumber Company states that the tolls purchased by his firm were paid for at the rate of $4.75 each in lots of $1. He says.

The United States and Adams Express Companies are given a special rate of $3 for a book of 100 tickets, the regular price of the bridge company being $1.

The 4.75 tolls shown at the hearing by Mr. Balsley. Manager of the Youghiogheny Lumber Company, New Haven, Pa., each at $4.70 mean $647.50.

ONLY TWO KICKS.

Masontown Property Owners Satisfied With Increase in Property Valuations Made

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 28.—The County Commissioners sat in a court of appeals at Masontown Wednesday when only two property owners appeared to protest against the assessment of their property. It was in Masontown that the Commissioners fully expected to hear a large number of appeals for Assessor I. W. Walters was one of the few officers in the county who materially raised the valuations over those of the three years ending December 1, 1906. The assessed valuation of property in Masontown at that time was $2,116,685, while for the present triennial assessment it is $3,379,060, a difference of $1,262,377.

The Commissioners are holding court at Dawson for that borough and Lower Tyrone township today.

BIG VIADUCT.

Work Begins on Heaviest Piece of Steel Construction on West Penn System

It is expected that work will begin today on the big viaduct at Leckrone on the Brownsville extension of the West Penn Railways Company. When completed, this will be the heaviest piece of steel construction on the system being larger than the long span on the new Greensburg line near Hecla.

Material has been arriving every day for the past several weeks and the last shipment was unloaded Wednesday. W. Krupps Allen of town is the engineer in charge of the work on the Brownsville line and his long experience in railroad construction is enabling him to push things on the West Penn's new line.

HURT IN MILLS

Michael Connelly Sent to the Hospital from Sligo

Michael Connelly, aged about 18 years, was brought to the hospital this morning suffering from burns received this morning while at work at the Sligo mills. He is badly burned about the face. About three months ago Connelly lost four of his fingers as the result of an accident with which he met at the Sligo mills. His injuries are not serious.

Noon Weather Bulletin

Continued fair tomorrow is the noon weather bulletin.

FURNACE EXPLOSION.

Elizabeth Stack of Jones & Laughlin Blew Up This Morning—Casualties Unknown

Publishers Press Telegram

PITTSBURG, Feb. 28.—An explosion with startling effect and evidently attended with considerable serious results occurred at the furnace of the Jones & Laughlin plant on Second avenue near Hazelwood at 9.30 today. The entire top of the furnace was blown out and flame from what had been the furnace stack covered the sky for a long distance. Phones in the vicinity were out of order and police department was notified of the disaster. Nothing definite could be learned about the extent of the damage or casualties.

Reliable information is in the form of rumors and it is difficult to obtain facts. It is said that at least one man was killed and one dine. A man known as a pedestrian who was walking in the street at the time was badly injured. The victims are reported to have been caught in the explosion and suffocated. It is also stated that the furnace was blown out and the second one at this plant called in the event of a repair.

MORAL WAVE SURE.

Several Uniontown Drug Stores Agree Not to Sell Anything but Drugs on Sundays

Several additional druggists of Fayette County signed the Anti-Saloon League pledge yesterday and it is expected that a number of other stores will be closed on Sundays. While the signing of pledges by the druggists of the county seat may not be secured, it is known that they are in favor of the movement.

The pledges of our druggists are not to sell anything on Sunday but drugs, medicines and necessities. Newspapers will be sold and prescriptions will be filled. Some druggists have signed the pledge with the understanding that their competitors will do the same, but it is known that they are in favor of the movement.

NO HOSE.

Street Commissioner Halthill Temporarily Appropriates That of the South Side

At present the South Side Volunteer Fire Company is without a hose. The hose belonging to the South Side company was used at the fire on Friday morning when the house of Joseph Halthill, near the Crossing, was destroyed by fire. It will be returned to-day or to-morrow, but the South Side company is unable to get it over in time to answer a call.

Fire Chief Evans, Chief Engineer Snyder and other officers of the South Side company have been trying to secure a hose which they could use in case of a fire, but have been unable to do so. Street Commissioner Halthill, who is also a member of the South Side company, has loaned the company a hose which belongs to the street department and which is used to water the streets. It is expected that this will be returned in the event of a fire in the South Side.

WILL VISIT PATIENT.

Dr. T. H. White to Determine When Elige Wilson Can Be Released from Post Tent

Health Officer Allen Hyatt left this morning for Elge Wilson, the smallpox patient, who is getting along as well as could be expected and will soon be able to leave the pest tent. Dr. T. H. White will visit the lodge today and decide when Wilson will be able to be released.

Wilson did not have genuine smallpox, but only a mild kind, which was not treated on the patient's account as infectious is the real thing.

KILLED DOG.

Officer McCudden Sent Councilman Dean's Canine to Happy Hunting Ground

Although Council adjourned Monday night it seems that the end is imminent. Officer Earl McCudden killed Councilman John Dean's dog Wednesday afternoon. Several of the officers were with Officer McCudden at the time and it is said that the officer was acting under orders.

Dean, however, was willing to have his canine disposed of if he but was one of the officers objections to McCudden's proceeding.

Ethel Dunham Brown

Ethel Dunham Brown, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Brown of Morgan avenue, died at 12:30 this morning from pneumonia after a short illness. The funeral will be at Monroeville, O.

THROUGH THE HOUSE.

Representative Carroll Finally Secures Passage of His School Bill.

THE ORPHANS' COURT GOES OVER

Bill Introduced to Place Officials in Counties Over 150,000 Population Under Civil Service Commission—House Working Overtime, Senate Adjourns.

Special to The Courier.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 28.—Representative John S. Carroll's bill to increase the number of reports of the superintendent of Public Instruction and of the School Law and decisions has at last been brought through the House by a three member and will be taken up next week. As passed the House yesterday the bill provides for 900 additional copies of the report each year and 1,000 copies of the School Law, the reductions being made in the original amounts by a committee of Senator Crow, with which bill when it reaches the Senate it may well. The Senate passed a number of bills and adjourned for two days in order to give the House time to catch up. The Senate committees will work over again the important bills introduced by Senator Crawford of Allegheny appropriating $17,000,000 to the public schools for the two years ending June 1st. This is a little over the present appropriation of $8,000,000. A bill of prospective importance to Fayette county was that of Senator Hinkins of Venango, placing officials in counties of over 150,000 population under the civil service regulations and creating a Civil Service Commission of three persons to be appointed by the Governor at a salary of $2,500 per year. Each bill exempts from taxation property of Grand and creating the office of Supervisor of High School Institutes.

The House spent the morning session and part of the night and all of Thursday morning in an effort to pass a bill which would have put an end to the practice of granting passes by the railroads. Some fifteen hours were spent in the session and the bill was finally killed by a vote of 101 to 99. The bill was a strong one and had been brought through the House by a three member and was to be taken up next week. As passed the House yesterday the bill provides for 900 additional copies of the report each year and 1,000 copies of the Law, the reductions being made in the original amounts by a committee of Senator Crow, with which bill when it reaches the Senate it may well. The Senate passed a number of bills and adjourned for two days in order to give the House time to catch up. The Senate committees will work over again the important bills introduced by Senator Crawford of Allegheny appropriating $17,000,000 to the public schools for the two years ending June 1st. This is a little over the present appropriation of $8,000,000. A bill of prospective importance to Fayette county was that of Senator Hinkins of Venango, placing officials in counties of over 150,000 population under the civil service regulations and creating a Civil Service Commission of three persons to be appointed by the Governor at a salary of $2,500 per year. Each bill exempts from taxation property of Grand and creating the office of Supervisor of High School Institutes.

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BACKS BRYAN'S IDEA.

Senator Patterson Startles Colleagues by Advocating Government Ownership.

POINTS OUT MANY ADVANTAGES

Says People Will Never Enjoy Efficient Railroad Service Until Government Acquires Roads—Nearly All Governments Follow This Policy

Washington, Feb 28—Predicting that government ownership of railroads will be an accomplished fact within the lifetime of present members of the senate yet not anticipating speedy action in that direction, Senator Patterson of Colorado made an exhaustive presentation of the subject in advocacy of government ownership Mr Patterson's remarks were predicated on a bill recently introduced by him providing for the acquisition of the railroads of the country by the government

Regardless of the efforts of congress to regulate the railroads 'the power and purposes of the great railroad combinations have not changed asserted Mr Patterson 'They have increased in power and aggressiveness and in utter indifference to public rights

The railroad rate law he regarded as presenting little promise of relief This legislation, he contended was forced on the railroads by the pressure of public sentiment, and when it becomes plain to the people that no relief has resulted the same pressure will accomplish government ownership

Mr Patterson quoted the Supreme Court that a railroad is a public highway and none the less so because constructed and maintained through the agency of a corporation deriving its existence and powers from the state Such a corporation was created for public purposes It performs a function of the state '

Have No Inherent Rights

Upon the fact that railroads exercise a function of the government' he said 'depends the rights of the people with regard to the ownership and operation of the roads '

Mr Patterson presented a table showing the attitude of 64 countries toward railroads Of these government ownership obtains to a greater or less extent in 59 and is exclusive in 29 Private ownership obtains in 6 and is exclusive in five This Mr Patterson said shows that the construction and ownership of railroads is really the business of governments, as three fourths of the democracies and two thirds of the monarchies of the world own railroads

The United States government Mr Patterson maintained could acquire existing railroads by condemnation proceedings under the post road clause He supported this contention also by supreme court decisions Not only the roads but their corporate franchises he said could thus be acquired by condemnation

Worth Eleven Billions

As to compensation Mr Patterson contended that the stock and bondholders of the roads ought to be paid full value for their holdings The full value of all American roads he placed at between eleven and twelve billion dollars His suggestion for financing the government's purchase of the roads was by a mortgage backed by government guarantee which would work out by having stockholders exchange their holdings for government bonds He believed this exchange would be so attractive as to secure to the government practically all private railroad holdings

The idea that government ownership would result in a political machine by the combination of employes was scouted by Mr Patterson At the outset he suggested no radical change should be made in methods of management Rates should be fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission a division of transportation should be established to conduct the actual operation of the roads The reforms that would follow would be large economies to the freight shipper and reduction of the passenger rate one half

Would Be Better Equipped

It would permit of extending the postal system and establishing a postal express it would guarantee the adoption of all known safety appliances and the best signal systems Service pensions would be paid employes and new and needed lines could be built Railway politics would be abolished and equilibrium of power between the state the government and the people restored Reforms in rate making by adopting the zone system and in freight classification would result Government ownership need not prevent private construction of roads

All Night Bank Not Success.

New York Feb 28—All night banking in Long Acre square has not been the success expected and the Mechanics and Traders Bank which has the only night and day branch in that vicinity announces that it will suspend its night business

Murder in Little Candy Store

Pawtucket R I Feb 28—Mrs Alexander Henderson was murdered in her little candy store here by a robber who after emptying the money drawer and stealing a quantity of cigars made his escape leaving a trail of blood

DAWSON.

Live Notes From the Busy Little Town Down the Yough

DAWSON Feb 28—A C McCune was a business caller at Uniontown Tuesday

Mrs Clarence Kurtz was the guest Tuesday of Mrs Ewing Oglevee of Vanderbilt

Mrs Mary and Mrs A J Cochran went over to Beatty on Tuesday and spent the day with the former's daughter Miss Marie who is attending school at St Xavier's Academy

C G Schwartz of Pittsburg was in town Tuesday and spent the day with friends

Mrs T L Thomas and daughters Miss Mary Bolt and Mrs A D Knight are visiting friends and relatives at Greenock

Mr and Mrs Howard McBurney gave a very pretty party at their home in East Liberty Tuesday evening in honor of their son William H's fifth birthday About 30 little guests were present and spent a pleasant evening

Mr and Mrs J S Laughrey and Miss Katharine McGill were among the Dawson people who saw The Squaw Man at the Colonial Theatre Connellsville Tuesday evening

Mrs N A Rist and son Donald were the guests Tuesday of Mrs Rist's daughter, Mrs Harry Carpenter, Connellsville

Mrs Charles Koontz of McKeesport is the guest of her parents Mr and Mrs George Moore East Dawson

Miss Zola Henry and brother Carl were over at Scottdale Wednesday attending the Hindy Wurtz wedding

Wednesday was an ideal spring day Some Italians were here with a bear and both the small and grown children were out in full force to see its tricks

Fred Holman was a business caller at the County Seat Tuesday

Dole Kurtz was a business caller at Connellsville Wednesday

CONFLUENCE.

Interesting Items From Somerset County's Hustling Town

CONFLUENCE Feb 28—Mr and Mrs Hiram Frantz returned from Braddock last evening where they had been called to attend the funeral of the mother of Mr Frantz

Dr W S Mountain and Charles Bowlin made a business trip to Listonburg recently on the former's speeder

W J Curry the well known operator who was formerly located here was in town yesterday

Miss Carrie Wolfley who had been visiting in Meyersdale, is home

Mr Norton of Connellsville was a visitor here a few days ago

H S McCune was in Pittsburg today

Read The Sunday Courier

James Courtney a young miner of Humbert, was killed yesterday in a fall of rock while drawing ribs in the mines He was killed almost instantly The young man was not 21 years old Interment will take place in Meyersdale on Thursday

J M Turner right of way agent for the Wabash railroad, in a letter to The Courier states that he did not make the statement credited to him recently that there would be no work on the Wabash railroad in the Confluence district he coming summer He says I wish you would correct this because I never told anyone anything of the sort

PENNSVILLE.

Happenings and Doings of Bullskin's Busy Little Village

PENNSVILLE Feb 28—District Attorney A L Jones of Uniontown made a short call in Pennsville Wednesday morning

Howard G McClellan of Bedford is moving his family into the house formerly occupied by the W C T U organization

Rev F D Steelsmith is holding Evangelistic services in the Pennsville United Evangelical Church every evening this week Everyone is invited to attend these meetings

Mrs W H Bitner and Mrs Emma Fazenbaker took in the sick list

Mrs M E Richey spent Tuesday afternoon in New Haven visiting the family of her sister Mrs E J White of Second street

Miss Ruth Detwiler gave a pleasant party for the Middle Year Class of Scottdale High School on last Friday evening at her home at the Pleasant Valley Mills About forty of her young friends helped to make a very jolly evening

Preaching Services in the Mt Olive United Brethren Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev B J Hummel pastor

GIVEN LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Man Suspected of Huge Robbery Breaks Down Under Strain

Chicago Feb 28—George W Fitzgerald the teller in the subtreasury from whose cage $171 000 disappeared has been given an indefinite leave of absence by the authorities of the subtreasury It is said that Fitzgerald has worried so much since the shortage came to light that it was considered best to relieve him from work until he has in a measure recovered from the nervous strain

Subtreasurer Boldenweck announces that Deputy Assistant Treasurer Dana had completed his examination of the books of Teller Fitzgerald and had proven beyond a doubt that the $171 000 which is missing was stolen There is no mistake in Fitzgerald's accounts and the error cannot be accounted for through any mistake in the bookkeeping Mr Boldenweck added

'The money stolen was in large bills and Mr Fitzgerald was the only man in charge of these large bills We have however no clew to the person who took the money '

Two of the principal actors in Busy Izzy's Vacation at the Colonial Tomorrow Night.

DUNBAR.

Events of the Day in the Busy Furnace Town

DUNBAR Feb 28—Rev James B Hill left yesterday to preach in evangelistic services for the next ten days During next week he will assist Rev Wm H Decker pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of McKeesport

Willard L Geiser of Pittsburg was here for a short time Wednesday on business

Edward Hughes and Miss Amelia Bradley were married Tuesday evening at the home of Dr T J Lloyd pastor of the Episcopal Church Miss Bradley is a well known young lady of town For some time she has made her home here with her uncle John Grieves Mr Hughes is a popular young man and is a son of Mr and Mrs William Hughes They many friends wish them a most happy life

Mr M Connor of Dunbar is visiting here visiting his brother Patrick Parker

Joseph Hogsett and Lou William are the guests of Mr and Mrs A M Kendall

Miss Goldie Anderson of Connellsville was visiting friends in Dunbar Wednesday

F Frazer Fitzsimmons of Connellsville was here on a visit to his mother yesterday

E R Bates of Philadelphia was at Dunbar on business matters Wednesday

Robert Barrett and family have moved to Mt Braddock where Mr Barrett has secured a position with the Rainey interests

William Walsh of Uniontown was here Wednesday visiting his mother Mrs A W H

Messrs Parker and Hogsett had business matters in Uniontown yesterday

Policeman Good of Scottdale Squire A C Dunlap and Squire Smith had business matters in Uniontown Wednesday

T V Dillon was a visitor in Connellsville

Harry S Offutt of Uniontown was in Connellsville Wednesday

Some of the members of the Dunbar house building committee are looking for out of town homes

Jacob M Little of Scottdale was in Connellsville business caller Friday

Roy J Morris of Pittsburg was in Dunbar Wednesday attending to business matters

Miss E K Dunn was shopping in Connellsville yesterday

Are you reading The Plum Tree? It began yesterday It grows

Mr Andrew Calhoun and daughter Bell were calling on friends in New Haven yesterday

Mrs Bernard Newman was shopping in Connellsville Wednesday

Miss Sue McDowell was calling on friends in Uniontown Wednesday

Mrs Mary Baker was shopping in Connellsville for a short time yesterday

Mrs Wallace Miller was in Uniontown Tuesday attending the meeting of the Union town Music Club which was held at the home of Mr and Mrs A C Higgins

Mrs Birdie Kelly was calling on friends in Connellsville Wednesday

Mrs C D Kimbrel was shopping in Connellsville yesterday

Miss Theresa Anderson of Oliver's Grove call's on her sister Mrs John Calhoun

SUMMIT MINES

Personal Notes from Town on the Mt Pleasant Branch

SUMMIT MINES Feb 27—Mrs Maggie Miller of Summit is on the sick list

Wilbur Dewald has bought a new horse and buggy

Lee Koeser of Scottdale was visiting friends here on Tuesday

Tommy Wilson was a Connellsville visitor on Sunday

General Shelby of the local newsboy is still laying up

John Jones is now on the Meadow Mill force

Revival meetings are in full blast here

Mrs Nora McGill of West Newton is visiting here

Walter Robbin was a Scottdale business caller Wednesday

THEATRICAL.

Plays Booked for the Colonial Theatre in Near Future

A Millionaire Tramp a musical show which has recently given satisfaction and recording to reports is booked for a record breaking business will be seen at the Colonial Thursday February 28 matinee and night The attraction is under the management of Elmer Walters who has given the play and company every attention The cleverness of plot and character types so often seen in plays with a similar title are conspicuously absent a scene in A Millionaire Tramp and in their stead are character types such as one sees in Lonesome Town The play is a bright sparkling up to date musical comedy and is unfolded in a natural manner It has been said that A Millionaire Tramp through its quaintness possesses attributes not now a long in existence as The Old Homestead

Busy Izzy's Vacation

Bringing with it new music pretty girls and bright dreams Busy Izzy's Vacation at the Colonial Theatre Friday March 1 Sidney is well known to theatre goers the world over his appearance the past two seasons at the head of his own company in the Hotel Cleveland which won him many friends throughout the country As an impersonator of Irish characters he has no equal and at most times a little coterie of clever people surround him and the fun revelling is fast and furious

The Hand cuff King

Much interest is being evinced in the coming of the Great Raymond who will be at the Colonial March 4 with his company of funmakers Both American and European novelties are Mr Raymond the Hand cuff King and positively offers a reward of $100 to any Hand cuff or Prison Manacles he cannot escape from Raymond is a master of the art of escape from a suit of too much lock

All his work is unusually strong and pleasing he receives good salaries He carries with him an excellent vaudeville company who closes a new act out of the ordinary but nothing but mysterious Lilide in her wierd startling act remains with the superior exception of Raymond Many thrills are awaiting Mr Raymond's admirers and it is certain he will more talk than any play in the Colonial this year

NEW HAVEN.

Local Matters from the Sister Borough Across the Youghiogheny

Mrs John Matthews and Mrs William Van Horn of town were guests of friends in Vanderbilt Wednesday

H F Crossland of the Crossland Wagon & Carriage Company was in Pittsburg Tuesday on business

Homer Stirling the popular West Penn motorman returned home Wednesday from a visit with friends in Pittsburg

George Strickler of Vanderbilt was in town Wednesday on business

Mrs Curtis Dean of Main street milliner has returned home from Pittsburg where she attended the trimming millinery openings

John Rittenhouse of Flatwoods was the guest of his son Clayton Rittenhouse of Seventh street Tuesday

C S Tyler of Vanderbilt was in town Wednesday on business

Mrs John McCarthy of Butler was the guest of friends in Dunbar Wednesday

Miss Ramsey of Dunbar was calling on friends here Wednesday

Squire Robert Wright of Dawson was a business caller in town Wednesday

Caleb Campbell of Main street is visiting friends at West Newton

Mrs John Stimmell of Seventh street is the guest of friends at Smoky

Mrs Charles Hoop of Mt Braddock was the guest of Mrs John Hoop of Main street Wednesday

COLONIAL THEATER

Thursday, FEBRUARY 28,

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The Greatest Tramp Play Ever Written

Once Seen Never Forgotten.

Funny Comedians,

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Matinee, Adults - - 25c

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But you don't think much of this town, you say? Well, what's the matter with this town? If there's anything wrong let's all get together and right it

All of us live here, and we ought to pull together Nobody living in New York or Chicago or St Louis or San Francisco is going to do any pulling FOR us.

On the contrary, some of those cities are doing a lot of pulling FROM us They not only pull away some of our best young men as the boys grow up but they pull away many of our good American dollars, which ought to be spent right here, where they would do the most good

What is your favorite book? The Mail Order Catalogue? Ah, so we thought!

Now suppose, just for a change, you read your local paper carefully, watch the advertisements, and if you don't see what you want ask the home merchant for it Suppose all of us trade at home a little more regularly That ought to help make this a better town

And maybe if we did keep more of our money at home to build up the town we did keep more of our boys at home

Colonial Theatre, Friday Evening, March 1

RETURN OF THE FAVORITE,—"THAT FUNNY LITTLE FELLOW"

Geo. Sidney

In the Second Section of the Fun Limited

"BUSY IZZY'S VACATION"

A Gigantic Melodious Musical Spectacle Embracing a Company of

50 CLEVER COMEDIANS SINGERS AND DANCERS 50

20-New Musical Numbers-20

Prices Entire Lower Floor $1, Dress Circle A and B $1 00, Dress Circle C and D, 75c, Balcony - - - - - - 50c

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Seats now ready at Huston's Tri-State Phone 254.

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FELDSTEIN'S

WE WISH YOU TO REMEMBER that this great Closing Out sale will positively close Monday evening at 8 30. That only leaves you three days more in which you can attend this great money saving event We know of no better way for you to add to the family earnings than by attending this great merchandising event and laying in supplies of many articles of wearing apparel that you will need before the extreme warm weather is upon us. Remember, the time to do your spring sewing is here, and think, you can attend this sale in the next three days and buy your spring supplies at 37½c on the dollar. Whyl thrifty housewife, if you do not take advantage of this sale and save you husband's hard-earned money, you are guilty of sheer neglect. It is not the money your husband earns that counts, but it is what you save of it that makes you independent We know of no better investment than to buy your supplies now. It is better than gold mine stocks o bank stocks Remember, only three more days

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2 Tables Bed Spreads on Sale Friday at 9 A M.

Good large size and beautiful patterns,

79c and 97c

2 Tables of Ladies' Shirtwaist on Sale Friday at 9 A. M.

Two lots of Ladies good grade Shirtwaist, some open front and back, short sleeves,

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FELDSTEIN'S

Only 3 Days More.

Mendle Bros Famous Line of Wrappers, sold at the regular price for $2.00, will be on sale Friday at 9 A M for 79c

Only 3 Days More.

FELDSTEIN'S

The News of Nearby Towns

ROCKWOOD.

Bright Paragraphs From the Big Somerset County Borough

ROCKWOOD Feb 28—Mr and Mrs James C McSpadden and daughter have returned from their several weeks visit in Florida and other Gulf States The tourists appear to have been greatly benefitted by their trip through the land of continuous summer

A crowd of socially inclined young boys and girls of this place took advantage of the good sleighing on Tuesday night and formed a party which attended the revival services at Mt Union Church conducted by Rev G A Sparks of the United Brethren Church

The distinction of being foreman of the Grand Jury this week fell to a citizen of Rockwood P E Wenner Assessor clerk of the Borough Council and U S Express Agent was chosen for this position

The corps of B & O engineers under the direction of F B C Chilliant made their final departure yesterday going from here to Dunbar This corps which is composed of 18 men has been stationed here since the holidays and has surveyed for the proposed new low grade from here to some point in Maryland by which the Sand Patch tunnel will be eliminated

B & O Agent W B Conway was a business visitor at Connellsville yesterday

Justice of the Peace J Roberts Haines spent yesterday transacting some legal business at the County Seat

Miss Helen Schiff resumed her duties as clerk of the first primary department of the Rockwood school after an absence of over six weeks caused by a severe attack of tonsilitis. For a time it was thought that she would not be able to finish this term of school and although her friends have rejoiced at her recovery they could wish that her good health might be restored in time for the first of her duties. Miss Schiff's place has been ably filled by Miss Lillian Miller formerly a teacher in our schools

Samuel Custer has been appointed constable of Ickesburg borough succeeding Frederick O Dippont who resigned a few months ago

Mrs Emma S Sloan has returned to her home in Columbia after spending several weeks here visiting her foster mother Mrs Annie M Growall

Frank R Lyon Superintendent of the Somerset Coal Company, with headquarters at Somerset spent several hours in town yesterday calling on friends

John C Reitz departed yesterday for the South, where he expects to engage extensively in the lumber business Mr Reitz will probably locate in North Carolina where several other Rockwood lumbermen have purchased tracts It is understood here that I M Welfersberger is a partner in this latest enterprise

Miss Blanche McCormick has resigned her position as saleslady in McSpadden store today being her last day The loss of Miss McCormick's services will be very keenly felt by both the customers and her fellow employes as she was very popular and accommodating and very valuable to her employers Mrs Melinda Ickes reign has been crowned

Joseph D Snyder was a business visitor at Somerset yesterday

The Great Raymond company playing at Somerset the week attracted the attention of some of our theatregoers last night I W Hoover J L Mile Charles Cunningham and Dr J G Lehmanwell drove up to see the handsome performance some of his men volunteer feat

PERRYOPOLIS.

Paragraphs From Famous Old Village Washington Laid Out

PERRYOPOLIS Feb 28 Mr Beers was transacting business in Connellsville on Saturday and attended the afternoon session of the teachers Institute in Vanderbilt

Anthony Page of Curfew was a business visitor in town on Saturday

Mr A R Martin and daughter Mabel were shopping in Connellsville on Saturday

The Plum Tree

Those from town who attended the institute in Vanderbilt on Saturday were Prof J B Snyder M W Beers C C Hixenbaugh Walter Bradley Stewart Townsend Joe Linwell Allen Strawn Miss Edna Hough and Miss Ann Bowman

Jonathan Shafer of Belson was transacting business in town on Saturday

William Pringle of Summit Hill was a business caller in town on Saturday

Miss Lena Martin of Star Junction and Miss Via Sisser of Vanderbilt were home in town on Sunday

W S Stadtler who has been off for a few days suffering with the grippe is now able to resume his work in the postoffice again

Messrs Beck and Parkhill were business visitors in town yesterday

P R Lucas of Vanderbilt was a business visitor in town yesterday

Mrs Ira Blair entertained about thirty of her lady friends at her home on Tuesday evening The evening was spent in games and music and an elegant luncheon was served at 10 o clock

Piles Cured in six to 14 Days

PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Blind Bleeding or Itching Piles in six to 14 days or money refunded. 50

SMITHFIELD

Chatty Letter From the Metropolis of Georges Township

SMITHFIELD Feb 28 Asst Co Supt Miss Jennie Cooper visited at Jim Anderson's Grist Mill last week during the illness of his wife

Mrs Mollie Davis of Connellsville is the guest of her parents Mr and Mrs Jacob Snyder

Mr and Mrs Jacob Snyder of Connellsville spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs Jacob Snyder

Mr and Mrs Jacob Snyder entertained Sunday Mr and Mrs Jacob Snyder of Connellsville

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THE DAILY COURIER has double the circulation of any other daily newspaper in Fayette county or the Connellsville coke region and it is better distributed for the general advertiser. It is the only paper that presents each week sworn statements of circulation.
THE SUNDAY COURIER fills in the seventh day for the daily edition. It speaks for itself. It is a big local paper with all the telegraphic news of the world and all the up-to-date features of Sunday journalism. The Daily and Sunday completely cover the advertising field with a circulation approximating over 35,000 weekly.
THE WEEKLY COURIER is the organ of the Connellsville coke trade and one of the newsiest weeklies in Fayette county.
ADVERTISING RATES on application.

THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 28, 1907.

THE TWO-CENT FARE BILL.

The Two-Cent Fare bill is in some sources vaguely suspected of being a railroad bill, but the earnest opposition developed to it by the railroads can hardly be wholly deceptive.

The railway attorneys tell the legislators that the bill is unconstitutional, but they have thus far failed to point out just where it conflicts with the fundamental law. They have, however, given many other reasons why in their opinion it ought not to pass. If the bill is unconstitutional, these laboriously presented arguments have been a sad waste of energy.

Counsel for the railway companies have, however, promised to give their reasons for the statement that the bill is unconstitutional. The information will be awaited with interest not unmixed with suspicion; for, if the measure in its present form may be knocked out in the courts, it is not reasonable to suppose that its opponents will point the way to its possible amendment to meet such defects. Good lawyers do not give their cases away like that.

The Pennsylvania legislators may be excused for doubting the unconstitutionality of the Dunsmore bill. It is modeled after the Ohio bill, which seems to have been quite effective. The Constitutions of the two States are certainly not so radically different that such a radical law would conflict with one and not with the other.

So far as we know, however, the question has never been passed upon, at least not directly, by the Supreme Court of the United States, but it may find its way there. As a general proposition, it must be regarded as fairly doubtful whether the State after having chartered a public service corporation without stipulating its maximum charges for service may subsequently step in and impose such a condition. It would seem reasonably that such a condition should have been precedent to the investment of capital and the embarking in business of the corporation so chartered. A charter is in the nature of a contract between the corporation and the State.

The new deal with railroads brings up new questions and some of them are farreaching.

THE GARBAGE QUESTION.

The more the matter is considered, the more of wisdom there appears to be in the proposition to establish free municipal collection of garbage under strict rules concerning its care and removal.

The evils of the present system in Connellsville are apparent. Garbage collectors are required to pay for the privilege. They are not limited in their charges for the service. There are no serious restrictions upon their methods of performing the work. The keeping by householders of proper garbage cans and the cleansing of the same are not compulsory. Under such conditions, it is not at all strange that our system should be inefficient and insufficient.

Homestead's experience illustrates the danger of letting out the contract to a single individual. Its contractor agreed to pay $2,550 annually for the privilege of hauling everybody's garbage. It was a part of his contract to furnish cans for each one of the 3,600 householders. He fell down in his work and failed in his payments. The householders of Homestead paid a pretty tax for the experiment. They not only paid the cost of removing their garbage, but they paid the bonus that went to the borough and a handsome profit to the contractor, all for very indifferent service.

The Connellsville garbage collectors are waxing rich in the business. All their profits and all the license fees they pay the borough would be saved to the householders by municipal garbage collection, and at the same time we would be assured of the most perfect sanitary conditions, which are the primary object. A garbage tax should be levied to provide for the cost of a first class equipment and the expenses of running it in a thorough manner. Under such conditions there would be no householder who would object to keeping a garbage can. There would be no more decaying animal and vegetable matter hidden away in backyards and ash-heaps, or dumped into back alleys, there to breed postilence.

The disposition or destruction of garbage may be let out by contract with comparative safety, but its collection should be under the immediate supervision of the public health authorities.

We respectfully commend these considerations to the Town Council. The question will soon be a loud if not a live one.

PAY OF SUPERVISORS.

The decision of the Fayette courts, that Road Supervisors are entitled to compensation and that the rate fixed by the Act of 1869 is still in force since no mention is made of compensation in the later enactment, is founded in common sense. The court truly says that the position is an onerous one and that those chosen to fill it are entitled to proper pay for the actual work they do.

If the Act of 1905 contemplated that the Road Supervisors should serve without pay it would have said in plain words that such officers should so serve. This is customary. The law provides specifically that Town Councilmen and School Directors shall serve without compensation.

It is true, the Connellsville Councilmen have never done so, but they have for the most part always been a law unto themselves. The Fayette county decision will stand. In the meantime, the Act of 1905 will be amended to provide compensation for Supervisors; and that compensation should, and probably will, be more than $2.00 per day.

The announcement that steel freights will be advanced suggest the inquiry whether the Connellsville coke region will have to contribute to settle the passenger shorts resulting from two-cent fares. The coke trade goose has always laid golden eggs. The goose ought to get busy and build a railroad of its own wherewith to market its product. The path to Wheeling is still open.

"One swallow does not make a summer," nor should one accident condemn steel railway ties. It should rather encourage the railway managers to remedy the defects in the steel tie. It is certain that some substitute will have to be found for the wooden ties. They are passed with an accelerating gait.

The people who think the two-cent rate bill isn't worth thirty cents are entirely too literal.

The Fayette courts have decided there can be no monopoly of ferry rights at New Geneva, even if Albert Gallatin's deeds did so provide. There should be no bridge monopoly at Connellsville, either.

The Tenth regiment band is learning its military step lessons.

We have the authority of The News for the statement. Mr. Higbee wanted to know if it would be profitable to deliver a box of crackers to New Haven at a profit." The answer of the witness indicated that it would be profitable if the bridge company didn't get all the profit.

Anxious Inquirer: No: "The Plum Tree" has no reference to the recent Democratic municipal administration. It's a story of another Plum Tree.

The Uniontown News Standard complains that its annual carload of paper has been on the way for a month and blames the railroads. That's right. Give it to the transportation trusts. They have neither facilities nor friends.

The end of the Thaw trial is said to be in sight. It will be a welcome relief to the public as well as to the defendant and his family.

The Fayette Orphans' Court still seems not to lack for parents and friends. This is when an Orphan is not an orphan.

The Pennsylvania delegation has nominated Philander Chase Knox for President, without asking the Uniontown Herald's question, "Who made you?" Any Sunday School boy could answer this question with perfect accuracy.

The proposed public school appropriation is a matter of $17,000,000. The little red school house is a bigger thing than the stately Capitol building with all its friezes and frescoes, brackets and bronzes, gilding and glitter.

"Trusties" are not always to be trusted.

Evidences multiply that advertisements in The Courier bring results. Some advertising is purely speculative. We don't handle that sort.

It is to be hoped that Fayette and Washington counties will never fuss as much about the Brownsville inter-county bridge as Westmoreland and Washington are scrapping about the Donora bridge.

Governor Stuart is evidently no Repudiator. He has gently intimated that campaign pledges must all be redeemed at full par value, and that there must be no discounts, not even on the Two-Cent bill.

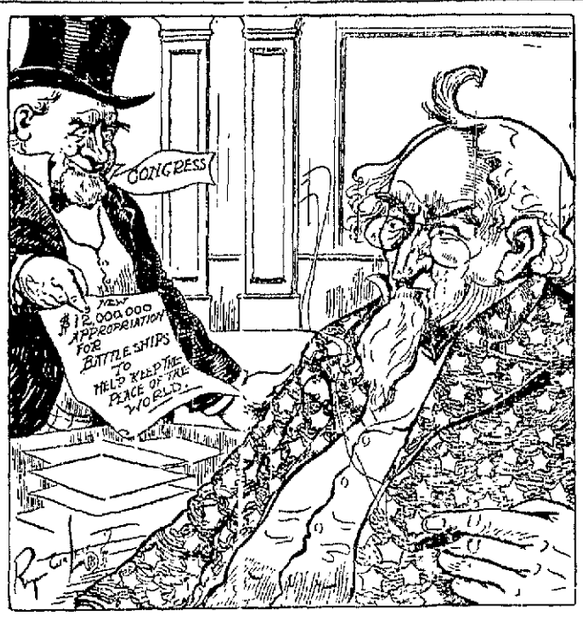
Representative Carroll evidently does not believe that school affairs are "none of the public's business," judging from his persistent and triumphant fight for more public school documents.

Dam No. 7 is frozen out. It might as well join the Yough in an Ice Trust, and wait patiently until the thaw comes.

Has Railway Regulation or Community of Railway Interest stopped the proposed Wabash improvements? Neither will stop a railroad through Greene county when the coal and coke developments begin there.

It looks as if the Postoffice Department was to be the next thing regulated and renovated by the President. It has been holding the Big Stick over the Free Press for a long time, and a taste of its own medicine might be healthy for it.

Masontown wants to pay her share.



Uncle Big Stick Samuel—I'll be jiggered! War may be costly, but it ain't half the expense of our present idea of peace.

THE THAW TRIAL.

And the Girls in Tights Who Adorn the Bill Boards.

Communicated.

I blushingly (?) acknowledge I have been reading the Thaw trial. One paper recently gave nearly an entire page to comments from different men on the same, and to my mind not one practical or helpful hint. If the young are being injured by the reading of the trial are we of more mature age receiving impressions? It is so much easier to sit comfortably and criticise results than it is to boldly stand and fight causes. How many hundreds of Stanford Whites are wallowing in the depths of sensality even in our very midst? Does not Harry Thaw belong to the same class? How much better has his life been both here and in other countries than Stanford White's? I wonder how many young girls have been led to pure lives by coming in contact with Harry Thaw's personality! Should our courts protect the apparently insane actions of such men, our cities and towns may expect wholesale slaughter and consequently those engaged in the legal profession become the money holders of our country. As to Evelyn Nesbit, I am so glad I did not know her in her childhood days. Had I thus known her one question would harass my life, viz., Am I by omission of duty, in the least responsible? We have no right to criticise the life of any boy or girl until we have done all in our power to better it. Until we have done our utmost to bring about conditions that bring vengeance to men and women of such type, and thus make it easy for not only my boy and girl, but my neighbor's boy and girl to do right. In various ways the young of today are being taught to look on the vilest sights in life as right and in a way that is startling. Pictures of nude women advertising these "red-hot shows for men and boys only" are allowed to appear on the billboards in the most conspicuous places and our boys and girls study them, and thus are being educated to become just what the principals of this famous trial are. There is never an effect without a cause. Every man and woman who sits at ease without even a protest against the temptations that surround the young are, I verily believe, more guilty than the poor innocent victims. Let those who have passed unscathed through the dangers of evil that is flooding our cities and towns awaken to a sense of individual responsibility. O my dear brothers and sisters, let us be up and doing realizing that in a measure we are all "brother's keeper." Let us put on the whole armor and with united prayer crush out of existence the evil that are menacing the future of manhood and womanhood, not only of Connellsville but our nation. In the language of Paul, "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ will give thee light. Redeeming the time, for the days are evil."

One who is intensely concerned for the boys and girls of Connellsville.

MRS. GEO. E. BROWN.

Classified Ads
One Cent a Word.

Wanted.

WANTED. - BOARDERS. APPLY STAR EATING HOUSE, New Haven, Pa. 26feb2td

WANTED. -- BOY OR GIRL, TO clean and take care of Doctor's Office. Call at Courier. 27feb6td

WANTED.—A LADY WANTS FURnished room, centrally located. Answer L, this office. 26feb2td

WANTED.—MAN TO WORK ON dairy farm. Good wages to right party. Call at COURIER OFFICE. 27feb2td*

WANTED.—MEN TO HAVE A LOOK at our handsome line of new spring woolens. Suit, $18 up. DAVI COHEN, Tailor.

WANTED - POSITION AS STATIONary or locomotive engineer, by an experienced man. Address X. Y. Z., care Courier. 24feb7td

WANTED.—EVERYBODY TO TRY our Classified Advertisements. Only one cent a word each insertion. THE COURIER, Connellsville, Pa.

WANTED.—MANAGER FOR INCORporative merchandise store. Must have experience and reference. State salary expected. Address E. M. DOUGLASS, 511 South Arch street, Connellsville, Pa. 24feb1td

For Rent.

FOR RENT.—TWO FURNISHED rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire 208 E. CEDAR. 26feb1tf

FOR RENT. — A LARGE STORE room on Main street, New Haven. Inquire at the COURIER OFFICE. 26feb7td

For Sale.

FOR SALE.—TWO USED BARBER chairs. Apply at RENDINE'S BARBER SHOP, City. 26feb4td

FOR SALE OR RENT.—SIX ROOM house hall, bath, closet, heat, light, gas; all modern, situated on Highland avenue. W. B. MINOR, 422 Johnston avenue, Connellsville, Pa. 26feb4td*

FOR SALE. — NEW SIX ROOM house with bath, electric light, gas, hot and cold water, Stanton hot air furnace. Corner lot, 40 x 120. Reception hall, parlor and dining rooms finished in oak. Beautiful location. See owner at 505 Murphy avenue. 6feb2tfd

FOR SALE. -- LIGONIER VALLEY Coal Plant and 250 acres of 5-foot vein, on the line of the Ligonier Valley railroad now shipping 100 tons of coal daily. Will be sold at a bargain, as owner is leaving. Must be sold soon. For price and terms, write to or call on P. B. BRENISER, P. O. Box 62, Ligonier, Pa. 20feb6t-eod

Executor's Notice.

ESTATE OF ISAAC T. BLACKSTONE, deceased. Letters testamentary on the estate of Isaac T. Blackstone, late of Dunbar township, Fayette county, Pa., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them, properly authenticated, for settlement. THEODORE BLACKSTONE, Executor. P. O. address, Vanderbilt, Pa. 22feb6td

Charter Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania on TUESDAY, the 19th day of MARCH, 1907, by Wade H. Marietta, Edward L. Marietta and William A. Bishop, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called MARIETTA-GANTER COAL & COKE COMPANY, the character and object of which is the mining of coal and the manufacturing of coke and the by-products thereof, and for the transportation and purchase and sale of coal and coke and such by-products, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements thereto. JOHN S. CHRISTY, Solicitor. feb1-4-8-mch7d

Shoe Values

in the fullest sense of the words are to be had in our Armstrong dress shoe for ladies. In every way, in leathers, in styles, in shoemaking, in general appearance, nothing to excel them. Each pair leaves a woman so well pleased with them that she wants the next pair to be the same make. Plain leathers, vici kid and gun metal calf in all styles come at $3.50. Patent finished leathers in welt or turn soles, all styles, cloth or kid tops, $4. Any woman can have a nice looking foot in an Armstrong shoe. You are invited to look them over.

Norris & Hooper's
104 W. Main Street

Get the Habit

of keeping a supply of Dennison's "things" on hand.

Dennison's "things" are tissue paper, in dozens of shades and designs, crepe paper, napkins and doilies, mucilage, odorless art paste, paper shades, passe partout outfits, etc. You can use some of these every day.

They are really necessary. Better stop in your next shopping trip and get a supply.

SAM F. HOOD,
113 W. Main Street. Both Phones.
CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

DUNN'S CASH STORES.

129, 131, 133 N. Pittsburg St., Connellsville, Pa.

THE WEATHER.

Fair and somewhat warmer Thursday; Friday snow or rain; fresh northwest winds.

On Sale

--MONDAY,--

Fine Ginghams

Monday we place on sale 50 to 75 pieces of imported Ginghams at 25c the yard. These are in fancy plaids and stripes and small checks and bars. All patterns that are scarce even now at the beginning of the season and which you in all probability will not be able to buy at any price later on. We call particular attention to these and advise as early a selection as possible.

The New Dress Goods and Silks.

This week we will have on display our line of dress goods and silks for the coming season. Fabrics and colorings and patterns that you will not find shown elsewhere in this vicinity. A good part of the showing will be in individual patter is and every day you delay in coming to see the showing means that many less of these here for you to see. We have prepared for the largest spring business this store has ever had. Better goods and more of them. We want you to come and see the goods and tell us whether you like them or not.

The New Suits.

The number of suits that we are now selling convinces us that the suits we have here are right in price, style, quality of material and making. As we have told you before, we have marked these suits at a closer margin of profit than ever before. We want to sell you your suit this spring. Believe that if we have the right suits at the right prices we will be considered when you get ready to buy. Believe that you are interested just as we would be in saving from $2.00 to $5.00 on your Spring suit and we want you to always remember that when this store talks little prices it does not mean that quality or style has been sacrificed to make these little prices possible.

The New Waists.

Showing this week the new white waists for the coming Spring season. Waists that will sell from $1.25 up to $9.00 and $10.00. More good waists than we ever had before to show at one time. Prettier and better waists than you've had an opportunity to see for some time. Dainty creations of lawn and lace and embroidery that you will not find shown elsewhere in this vicinity.

In the Carpet Room.

We want to again call your attention to our collection of 9x12 Rugs. There are more here for you to choose from than there will be later on. We will keep your selection until you are ready for it and deliver at any time you may direct. We are selling a good many Rugs these days and it might be a good idea for you to decide now on the one you want. Plenty of Rugs to show you later on, but the particular pattern you may want may be hard to find.

DUNN'S CASH STORES.

106 | W. N. LECHE | 106

Paris Tissue

A new cotton fabric just out this season; daity in texture and very sheer, yet strong, durable and washable. An excellent material for waists and shirtwaist suits, 32 inches wide, only..... 25c

We have it in fine beautiful patterns, tan, blue, pink, gray, black, all on white ground, in broken check effect.

New Dress Cottons 10c, Worth 12½c

"Jackards" (double fold wash fabrics) "just in"—in the neat gray check effects, well worth 12½c, one yard. Our price 10c

New Creations in White Waistings--- We Have Them.

Our White Goods Department is replete with the newest novelties for Spring and Summer wear. All indications point strongly towards "A Great White Season"—knowing this, we are prepared to meet all demands made on us.

Sheer India Linens from ..... 8 TO 35c

Persian Lawns from ..... 15 TO 45c

Wash Chiffon—a beautiful shear material for waists and evening gowns at 79, 58 and..... 50c

Cotton Batiste in a great price range from..... 19 TO 50c

Beautiful Sheer White mercerized fabrics in the lovely new patterns—stripes, neat and large checks, figures and polka dots. Prices range from ..... 10 TO 50c

New Dress Linens.

We have given this department our most careful attention, and as Sheer Dress Linens are in greater demand this season than ever before, we are in a position to show you a careful selected stock of linens, ranging in price from..... 25c up to $1.25

$2.50 Sale Now Going On.

This has been the greatest sale of all. Never has the buying been so good in the history of the store as it has been the last two days--Xmas buying is not in it. Our $2.50 sale is all the talk. Women know a good thing when they see it.

Positively Closes Saturday Night.

A great many have asked if they can buy these shoes later at this price. It has been our custom to continue these sales till all are gone, but this one we cannot afford to do. This sale will positively close when the last sale is made Saturday night.

Come Before It Is Too Late.

C. W. DOWNS & CO.,
(Successors to I. C. Smutz.)
127 N. Pittsburg St. Connellsville, Pa.

Wallace Furniture Co.

We are giving special prices and terms to customers selecting their carpets and furniture for the Spring trade. We will set the goods aside and deliver any time you want them.

SPECIALS ON

Bed Room Suits, Couches, Parlor Suits and China This Week.

WALLACE FURNITURE CO.
Main Street, Connellsville, Pa.

SCOTTDALE WEDDING.

Mrs. Anna Hardy and Martin Wertz United on Wednesday Evening.

WAS A HANDSOME CEREMONY.

Peculiar Coincidence in the Death of Two Railroad Men Just Eleven Months Apart—Dunbar Constable Lost His Prey When Latter Made a Heart-Breaking Sprint—Other Notes of the Mill Town.

SCOTTDALE, Feb. 28.—One of the most handsomely appointed home weddings ever solemnized in town was that which united Mrs. Anna Hardy and Martin Wertz Wednesday evening. The ceremony was at 5 o'clock one and was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Hardy on Grant street, Mr. Hardy being a son of the bride. The service was read by Rev. James B. Lyle, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Scottdale, who was assisted by Rev Yont of Greensburg. There were two attendants, Mrs. Jennings of Mt Pleasant, being matron of honor, while B. C. Cunningham of town, was the best man. During the ceremony and the elaborate supper that followed music was furnished by the Grand Army orchestra. The house was decorated in lovely style, and as there were nearly one hundred invitations issued, many of them to people of this neighborhood, the guests were many. The groom is a wealthy citizen of Mt. Pleasant towship, and has been a resident of Greensburg for some time. The bride is a well known woman, who has a very large circle of friends. They will be at home immediately at 123 Hickory street.

The singular coincidence that many remarked upon anent the death of Homer Leichliter, who was killed by a mill engine on Tuesday night about 11 o'clock, during the progress of the banquet of by the physicians of town at the Kromer House, was that exactly 11 months before at near the same hour, while the "Homeless 26" were holding a banquet at the same house, L. A. Harrer, a P. R. R. engineer, was killed near the station. One man was killed to the rear of the house while the other was killed in front of it

The Scottdale Bank closed Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock P. M during the funeral of Mrs. Barbara Dixon, from the home of her daughter Mrs. Jonas Kennell. The deceased was a sister of President Joseph R Stauffer, of the bank.

Edward Nicholls of Meadon was visiting relatives at Scottdale on Wednesday.

A Dunbar constable, who came here after a man, and was reading the warrant to him at Pittsburg street and Broadway on Wednesday afternoon lost his prey, as the fellow gave the constable a shove and then made a wild and furious dash down through the mill yards, finally distancing his pursuer. Few people would have cared to make such a sprint as the fellow did unless they were to be married or have all their money taken away from them.

Allen Porter is arranging the new case for the rural route in the new postoffice building. Several people who have been talking of having rural boxes put up, largely on account of the increase in prices of the lock boxes, would do well to get their applications in early that they may have a place on the rural route, as the route is now being put right to date

This is the evening of the "color luncheon" at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, beginning at 5 o'clock P. M.

Rev. William C Weaver, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church invite all young men to attend a special series of sermons that he is going to preach to young men on the first Sunday evening of each month The initial sermon will be on the evening of Sunday next on "The Choice of Friends."

The members of the Scottdale Physicians' Round Table who attended the banquet at the Kromer House, P. J. Maloy, proprietor, on Tuesday were Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Stickler, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Stickler, Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Engle, Mr and Mrs M W. Horner, Dr. and Mrs. N E Sisley, Dr. and Mrs L. T. Gilbert, Dr and Mrs M. A. Noon, Dr and Mrs. C W. McKee, Dr. and Mrs W H Felter, and Dr. and Mrs G. T McNish. Dr. Horner was from Mt. Pleasant, Dr. McNish from Alverton and Dr. Noon from Everson. They were seated at a great circular banquet table and the service and menu were superb.

Truant Officer John Walter is confined to his home on Chestnut street with a severe attack of rheumatism.

It looked something as if spring were here when boys Tuesday afternoon elevated on stilts peered into first story windows and slipped over the remaining ice on the streets, until one had anticipation that they would fall and break their stilt legs. No marble playing has been reported so far, and so possibly spring is not quite due after all

Five hundred feet of new Fabric fire hose has arrived for the borough and was placed in the Borough building.

Will Not Lose Speech.

Ray Bowden, the Dawson young man, it is stated, will not lose his power of speech from a recent operation on his tongue He is getting along fairly well at the Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburg.

From Westmoreland's County Seat.

GREENSBURG, Feb. 28.—The midnight oil was burned last night in the office of Justice of the Peace J. F. Beatty when the election cases from Arnold, growing out of the riots at the recent primaries, were partially heard. After hearing several witnesses, and after several sharp wrangles before Attorney W. C. Peoples for the prosecution and D. C. Ogden for the case, the defense, upon plea of having further testimony, secured a postponement of until April 12. This is because Mr. Ogden leaves today for the Bermuda Islands, where he expects to regain health lost by an attack of appendicitis he recently suffered. Hartley Howard, Charles Romig and J. J. Lemon are charged with disturbing the peace in the cases.

J. C. Hirsh, Charles Romig, Fred Kreiger, Jr., Ralph Brown and Ira Smith are charged with the larceny of booths, rails and ballots from the regular appointed voting place in the Arnold Traffic Company's building. Fred Kreiger, Jr., Judge of Election, is charged with violation of his oath in not holding the primaries as directed by the Commissioners.

Several witnesses were heard, and there is little doubt as to the facts alleged in the indictments The defense, however, hopes to prove that the action of the men was necessary because owners of the building would not allow its use for election purposes The case will be bitterly fought, as this is the second case of the kind from there, and what was before fines and suspended sentences may be more serious if new convictions are secured.

"Rivilona, a Romance of Another World," was offered in evidence yesterday in the contest of the will of the late Dr. Frank Cowan. This novel was written shortly before the learned man died. He tried to sell this book to several publishers before he died, but none seemed to want it.

For the defense the Safe Deposit & Trust Company, which is custodian of the will, had several witnesses on the stand yesterday. These men stated that Cowan was in his right mind and, in his bequest to Greensburg borough, was actuated by motives akin to those of Carnegie, Rockefeller and others, whom he mentioned at the time. They claim he was sane and reasonable when he looked to the future value of a park for Greensburg The case will likely be concluded today.

The Commissioners of Westmoreland and Washington counties held a hearing at the Fort Pitt Hotel in Pittsburg yesterday over the proposed bridge between Donora and Webster The session was a heated one, the entire morning being spent in argument but nothing was accomplished. On their return the Westmoreland men claimed that Controller Hitchman stands in the way of reaching an agreement. They say he would not approve a former agreement made and this was changed to suit him Now the Washington county officials will not accept this amended form of the agreement. Some radical action they claim, will be necessary before any satisfactory arrangements about the building can be reached.

Southwest Greensburg firemen worked hard last night at an outhouse in the home of John Kemmer on Maple street which was burning, not knowing of the presence of two kegs of powder and two boxes of dynamite in the building until it had been saved Kemmer is a miner, and had stored the high explosives for blasting purposes. It was gotten out safely some time after the flames had been subdued Had the powder been reached by the flames, an entire section would have probably been blown off the Maple plan, where the fire occurred

MT. PLEASANT.

Personal Chat of the Staid Old Westmoreland Town.

MT. PLEASANT, Feb. 27.—Miss Lula Rupert of Main street was visiting friends at Connellsville today.

Benjamin Williams, aged 44, who died at the local hospital Sunday, was interred in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery today Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church Deceased was a veteran employe at the Standard works.

Thomas Dutton of Bridgeport was a business visitor here today.

Company E boys will play the last Y. M. C. A. team of Scottdale here in the new State Armory Saturday evening. The local lads are in fine form and both teams will be evenly matched. Turn out and see the fastest game of the season The game will be called at 8.15 sharp

J. Powlosky of Homestead was visiting old friends here today.

At the meeting of the Third Ward Hose Company Monday evening Frank E. Painter was unanimously elected Captain for the year.

The family of John McGinty of South Church street will move to Lockrone today.

Mrs. James McGee of Main street left for New York today on a short business trip.

Mrs. Samuel Jox, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is recovering rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. L S Tinstman returned last evening from a week's visit spent with Wooster, O., friends and relatives.

A Church Gathering.

This Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the M. P. Church will be held a church gathering, to which all members of the church and congregation are invited. An informal program will be rendered containing hymns used in this church fifty years ago. You will enjoy this social gathering.

REGISTRARS RAISED.

They Will, if Bill Passes, Receive $10 Instead of Only $5 Per Diem.

SENATE CLEARS ITS CALENDAR

Adjourns Until Monday Night, While House May Be Kept Until Friday—Amendment of Personal Registration Law Is In Progress.

Harrisburg, Feb. 28.—The senate cleared its calendar and adjourned until Monday night. The house held but one session, and will probably hold two sessions today. Its calendar is crowded with bills, and it may be necessary to hold a night session tomorrow.

The house elections committee has decided to report adversely personal registration bills which make registrars poll tax collectors and assessors. The committee voted to report favorably the bill amending the personal registration act for first and second class cities so as to fix the salary of the registrars at $6 instead of $5 a day. This bill also changes days of registration so that hereafter they shall fall on the ninth Thursday and seventh Tuesday preceding the November election, and the fifth Tuesday preceding the February election. It provides further that the last day for registration shall be the last day upon which poll tax may be paid.

In the house there was prolonged discussion over the bill allowing an appeal when a judge refuses a liquor license when petitioned to do so by the requisite number of reputable citizens. In making a speech against the bill, Mr McMillan of Franklin remarked among other things that the judges of the commonwealth were as incorruptible Mr Garner of Somerset, who introduced the measure arose to interrogate McMillan

"I want to know," said he, "if it is not a fact that a judge of Somerset county has not been approached within the last ten years?"

"The point has been made in this house," replied McMillan, "that we should not cast in our corn to story."

After the house had argued itself in a heat for an hour, McMillan withdrew and

Very Particular in Venango.

"But with regard to Mr Garner's question, I wish to say that in concluding that judge I did not wish to show how careful the people of Venango county are in regard to the way their judges conduct themselves."

Mr Speyer of Schuylkill said he was opposed to the bill because it often happened that a judge declined to issue a license because members of the applicant's family requested that the application be refused. The judge often had other reasons for declining to issue a license which it would not be proper to file.

The senate passed a bill providing for a commission of five expert electrical engineers to devise better safeguards for life, limb and property on railroads. The resolution was proposed by Senator Phillips of Venango county and provides that accidents and disasters have shown that the present safeguards are inadequate, and that it is advisable that a better system be devised.

The commission is to be composed of one from each of the two houses of congress and three from any railway company or any company manufacturing signal devices. They are to report by April 1.

The following bills passed finally in the senate:

Validating the title to real estate held by foreign corporations without first having established offices of business and obtained consent for the transaction of business in Pennsylvania.

Appropriating $175,000 to pay the deficiency in the compensation of the attaches of the supreme court

Creating the office of state supervisor of high schools.

Other Measures Passed Finally.

House bill authorizing the solicitor of Luzerne county to employ a stenographer at a salary of $180 a year

Authorizing controllers of counties containing a population of from 300,000 to 1,000,000 to appoint a collector

House bill providing for the acquiring by condemnation, erecting or purchase of real estate within or without city limits for the erection of workhouses, houses of detention, garbage or incinerating furnaces, filter beds drains and sewer

Exempting from taxation, profit for at lands

These bills passed finally in the house:

Authorizing the publication annually of 5,000 additional copies of the report of superintendent of public instruction and 15,000 biennially of school laws and decisions

Relating to equitable proceedings wherein it is or might have been alleged that there was adequate remedy at law.

Providing for an appeal by real estate owners to common pleas court from any tax valuation of real estate.

Providing for the creation and regulation of municipal liens

Appropriating $228,500 to the Spring City State Institution for Feeble Minded and Epileptic.

Appropriating $416,000 to the Norristown State Lunatic Hospital.

Appropriating $262,000 to the Harrisburg State Lunatic Hospital.

Oldest Person In Paris Dead.

Paris, France, Feb 28.—Born in July, 1800, and having been ill but twice, Mme Robineau, said to have been the oldest person in Paris, is dead.

VANDERBILT.

Personal Chat From Fayette County's New Borough.

VANDERBILT, Feb. 28.—Mrs. J. T. Beatty was in Mt. Pleasant yesterday and spent the day with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Beatty

Bert Newmyer, of the firm of George Newmyer & Son, was in Pittsburg Wednesday making some purchases of spring stock.

Hugo Wantz, of the Commercial Hotel, was transacting business matters in Connellsville Tuesday.

Mrs Elmer Bittner and daughter Miss Mabel who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S B. Cable returned to their home in Pennsville yesterday afternoon

Mrs R. M. Shallenberger gave a nice party at her home on last Friday evening. The occasion marked the eighth birthday of their son, R M. The hours were from 4 to 6 o'clock. At 5 o'clock luncheon was served The young host received a number of presents, which were much appreciated and his young friends wished him many more happy birthdays. Among those present were, Harry Reed, George Marion, Jesse Martin Frank Wright, Joseph Strickler, Frank Hazlett, Bryan Newmyer, Quay Horwick Thomas Hoop, John Stewart Edgar Shallenberger, John Lyons and Paul Collins, Charles Ball, Lilburn Reed, Mabel Wright, Bessie Martin Mary Martin, Freda Lutz, Mary Strickler, Annie Dunlap, Evelyn Blair Grace and Ruth Newmyer Mary Shallenberger, Ethel Collins, Maud and Martha Harshman, Lillian Means Lawrence Leighty, Edna Speelman Dwight Kooser and Willis Eddie.

Mrs Earle M Riley of Scottdale is in town this week the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs W M Means

Mr and Mrs. Fred Winton of McKeesport were here recently the guests of friends and relatives.

P. G Blair, the grocer, has broken ground for his new store room which will be located on Main street, near the Commercial Hotel It will be up to date throughout and will greatly add to the appearance of our principal street.

Try our classified advertisements

W. J. Johns, Principal of the schools was on Dunbar the first of the week calling on friends.

Daniel Gallagher, Jr., of Pittsburg is here for a few days' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gallagher, Sr.

Harry Carpenter was a business caller here from Connellsville yesterday afternoon

PARKER BALKS.

Will Not Come Back from Baltimore Without Requisition.

Edwin L. Parker, who was released from the Baltimore penitentiary this week and arrested on a warrant taken to Baltimore by County Detective Alex Melloth, has refused to come to Fayette county without requisition papers

Parker is wanted here for abandoning from a board bill at the McClelland House Uniontown

Boys' Band Entertainment.

The Boys' Band of the Presbyterian Church will give an entertainment in the Chapel Friday evening, March 22 The proceeds will be for mission work. The date has been changed from the 14th first on account of the Union meetings to be held March 4 to 17.

The Sunday Courier

Will contain all of the latest telegraphic news of the world Order it from your carrier

Miss Sophia Artz Married.

Miss Sophia Artz, a former well known resident of Connellsville, but now of Cumberland were married Monday at the Emanuel Church of Cumberland Rev. Cleveland Hicks, the pastor, officiated

None too Soon.

Next pay day will be none too soon to start a savings account. Four per cent. interest paid on savings accounts at the bank Citizens National Bank, Pittsburg street.

Are you reading "The Plum Tree?" It began yesterday. It's great

A NEW PAIR

of Shoes always pleases the little fellows They will surely be very proud of them if bought from us for the styles of little men are attractive and neat, comfortable to the foot, and—good stock for mothers—very durable in wearing. Moreover, they keep their shape and wear and do not warp and twist as some boys' shoes do. Have the boys shod here and you will not regret our paying the price either.

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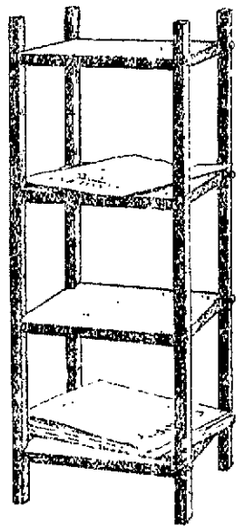
Two Great Specials For Next Monday!

Special Weathered Oak Library Table And Special Weathered Oak Magazine Rack.

Come Early If You Desire One of These Specials. They Won't Last Long.

Aaron's Mission Magazine Rack



Exactly Like Cut. See It in the Window

This special weathered oak Mission Magazine Rack. It stands 36 inches high, 12 inches wide and 12 inches deep. You know how handy these racks are for books and magazines. If you do not have a rack you can find them scattered in most any part of the room. With one of these racks you will have your papers and magazines at the end of your finger tips. Regular value, $2.00.

On Sale Monday Special

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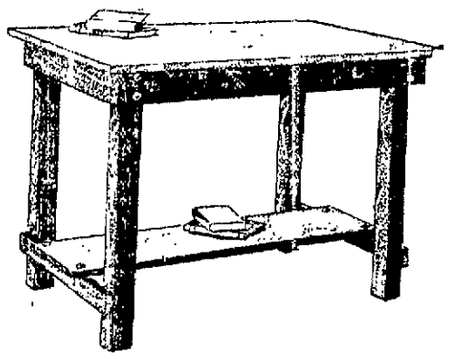

Aaron's Mission Library Table, $5.50

Exactly like cut. See it in the window. This is the biggest and best bargain that has ever been offered in this city. This is a solid weathered oak table, made in the popular Mission style, and is just what you need for the library. Don't judge its value by the price; if you paid three times as much it would'nt be any better. It is one of Aaron's specials. It was made for us and we are in a position to sell it to you at the price quoted. It is elegantly finished and you may show it to your friends with pride. It is 30 inches long, 24 inches wide and 36 inches high, which makes it a very desirable size. It has a "rest" underneath, where books, magazines, etc., may be placed.

AARON'S

Beginning Monday, February 25, we will have a

Green Tag Sale.

Any article upon which you find a Green Card is an article which we want to close out. You will find both the regular price and the sale price on the Green Tag.

For your benefit we list a few of the articles:

No. 9 Heavy Tin Wash Boilers, marked 90c, sale price.....60c
Copper, Tin Bottom, Wash Boilers, marked $1.25, sale price....95c
Copper Bottom and Rim Wash Boilers, marked $1.48, price...$1.15
12 and 14 quart Flour in Pail, marked 25c, sale price.....16c
36 quart Dish Pans, marked 40c, sale price.....35c
Large Bread Boxes, marked 70c, sale price.....55c
Large Market Baskets, marked 50c, sale price.....30c
Enameled Foot Bath Tubs, marked $1.00, sale price.....55c
Enameled Bake Pans, marked 29c, sale price.....10c
Enameled Large Coffee Utensils, marked 55c, sale price....33c
Wash Boards, marked 25c, sale price.....17c

Hundreds of other articles in Graniteware, Tinware, Queensware, Glassware, Woodenware, all go at the same reduced prices. Come in and look for the Green Tag. We have one placed on each article that we are selling at less than cost.

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THE NEW WAGE SCALE

Connellsville Region Has Highest Paid Working Men in World.

AVERAGE WAGE WILL BE $3.00

Will Exceed the Average Paid the Gold Miners of the Far West—Some of the Advantages to Be Had in the Region.

[From the Weekly Courier.]

Connellsville today possesses a distinction aside from the fact that it is the center of the greatest coke making district in the world. Within the past ten days it has come by now honors. When announcement was made by the H. C. Frick Coke Company last week that a wage advance of from 10 to 12½ per cent. would become effective on March 1, 1907, it crowned Connellsville the Metropolis of the highest paid workingmen in the world. The wage of the coal miner and the coke drawer in the Connellsville district commencing next Friday will exceed in actual profit the average paid the heretofore enormously high priced labor of the Western mining camps. Miners in the gold camps at Tonopah, Goldfield and other places in Nevada and in the almost inaccessible camps of the Alaskan Klondike are not paid more than $4.50 and $5.00 a day. Working his own claim, of course, the gold and silver miner does not reckon the actual amount of cash he receives per day as recompense for his labor. Then he is always looking for the big vein strike that nearly always never comes. But there are thousands of miners working today in the gold and silver mines of the West who are paid by the day. They have no interest in the mines. Their profit after a day's living is taken out is not as great by 25 per cent. as the profit of the coal miner in the Connellsville region under the coming Frick scale.

Under the old Frick scale the average wage of the Connellsville region workman, including the rank and file from the humblest laborer to the highest skilled mechanic, was $2.56 a day. Under the new scale it will be close to $3.00 a day. The coal miner can make $5.00 a day in many mines. With a boy in some pits he can make from $6.50 to $7.00. Such instances are in mines where the coal is soft and where ribs are being pulled back, the labor of mining resolving itself into how many wagons a man and his boy can shovel in a day.

In the Connellsville region there are no dues for labor unions. There has not been a labor disturbance among the miners or coke workers or any branch of labor connected therewith for the past 12 years. The company stores, long heralded as a bugaboo, today are hailed with delight by hundreds of people outside the employ of the big companies. These stores today are undersolding stores in the towns of the Connellsville district.

A day in the Connellsville region does not average eight hours. Miners and coke drawers frequently are through in six hours. A coke drawer can go to work at 3 o'clock and be through at 9 A. M. The miner enters the pit at five or six o'clock and often he is out by 1.30 and two. He is seldom later than three o'clock. Last year several of the big companies worked every day but Sundays throughout the year. Even Christmas and the Fourth of July were work days, the companies making arrangements for the men to go to work early and finish their runs before 10 A. M. so they could enjoy the greater portion of the day.

Every mile of territory in the Connellsville region is accessible to Connellsville, Uniontown and Greensburg by trolley line. Transportation is cheap. The service is rated the best in the United States. The school district of Dunbar township which is just outside of Connellsville is the largest and one of the most prosperous in the State. Every township in the coke making district now has its supervising principal and most of them their township High Schools. Coke workers' children go into the offices of the mining and coking companies when they desire direct from the public schools of the Connellsville region. More than one of them is today making his mark in law at the bar of Fayette county, a notable example being R. D. Warman, Burgess of Uniontown.

Summed up, a pace has been set in wages throughout the Connellsville region by the Frick company that has never had an equal in fairness between employer and employe or philanthropy conditions which make this region today the first Garden of Eden for the workingman of the United States.

Postal Officials Resign.

Washington, Feb. 28.—President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation of Second Assistant Postmaster General W. S. Shallenberger. Representative James T. McCleary of Minnesota, who is to retire from congress at the close of the present session, will be appointed as Mr. Shallenberger's successor. The resignation of Third Assistant Postmaster General Edwin C. Madden, it is expected, will be submitted to the President in a day or two.

Find Skeleton Chained to Wall.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—Workmen engaged in renovating the engineer's palace constructed by Emperor Paul, discovered a secret door and a stairway leading to a cell in the basement, where they found a skeleton chained to the wall.

TRI-STATE NEWS.

Events of the Day in Brief from Pennsylvania, Ohio and W. Va.

Mahanoy City, Pa., Feb. 28.—James W. Ryan, Democratic congressman from this district for two terms, is dead here of heart trouble.

Marion, O., Feb. 28.—After 42 years R. J. Monroe, a rural mail carrier, has received pay for two months' extra service in the Civil War.

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin, age 52, wife of W. W. Baldwin, a brakeman, was killed by Baltimore & Ohio train No. 6 at Bloomington.

Newark, O., Feb. 28.—Morgan Faucett, proprietor of the Faucett Hotel, in West Newark, has made an assignment to Ira M. Phillips. Assets $10,500, liabilities $8,500.

Sandusky, O., Feb. 28.—The board of health has received petitions signed by about 100 leading women of the city asking that Fannie G. Spencer be appointed to the office of milk inspector.

Cleveland, Feb. 28.—Katherine O. Graf was before Judge Keeler asking him to restrain her husband from saying "Oh, fudge!" and other silly things in her presence. Judge Keeler refused.

Bellefontaine, O., Feb. 28.—The village of Huntsville voted under the local law and went "dry" by 29 majority. Every voter in the village cast his ballot, except one, and he was in the village lockup.

Harrisburg, Feb. 28.—George Calvin Dickey, white, age 63, blew out his brains with a shotgun, pressing the trigger with a cane. He was led to this deed by melancholia caused by the death of his wife, a negress, three years ago.

Piqua, O., Feb. 28.—In attempting to save a woman with a baby in her arms from death, Aaron Alexander was struck and killed by a Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton passenger train. The woman and child were uninjured. The accident occurred at a grade crossing.

Monongahela, Pa., Feb. 28.—The steamboats Sailor and Carbon of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Co. were in collision near Sairc Oaks. Two loaded barges of the Sailor were sent to the bottom and two engines of the Carbon were put out of use.

Charleroi, Pa., Feb. 28.—The dwelling and store of J. K. Gallagher, near here, were destroyed by fire entailing a loss of $6,000. L. M. Carter and family occupied the second floor, and they had just time to escape in their nightclothes when the flames swept through their rooms.

Athens, O., Feb. 28.—Twenty dollars and costs and 10 days in jail were imposed upon William Blackburn, hospital attendant, by Judge Wood for assaulting a patient. The trial of Reeder and Harkins, charged with second-degree murder, was set by Judge Wood for April 2.

Pomeroy, O., Feb. 28.—Local operators imported 20 miners from Jackson county but all of them were persuaded by the strikers to leave town. They declared they had been deceived into coming here, and they started a rough house in a building prepared for them by breaking up the furniture and knocking out the windows.

New Castle, Pa., Feb. 28.—An ordinary tobacco pipe caused the death of Conductor Henry Shuff of the Baltimore & Ohio. He fell from a box car and the stem of the pipe he was smoking penetrated the roof of his mouth. He was 40 years of age and was the third member of his family to suffer a violent death within a few months.

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 28.—Acting on orders of the Pennsylvania Railroad the three cars of the "flyer" which went over the bank into the Conemaugh river at Mineral Point were burned. It is said that cars which figured in serious wrecks are usually considered hoodoos by travelers. The three cars were among the finest in the world. They were built especially for the "flyer," and were equipped with every luxury. They were not so badly damaged but what they could have been repaired.

In Memoriam.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst by death our beloved brother, James Laughery; and

WHEREAS, By his death Dunbar Lodge No. 410, Knights of Pythias, sustains the loss of one of its most loyal and respected members, one whose clean, pure life has ever been an honor to the order; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, First, that we hereby express our deep sorrow because of his loss, but bow humbly at the will of Him who doeth things well.

RESOLVED, Second, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved widow and children, and ask God to comfort and keep them in their affliction until the dawning of the eternal morning shall reunite them.

RESOLVED, Third, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the record of the lodge; also that it be printed in two of the county papers, and also that a special copy be presented to the family of our deceased brother.

J. B. SMILEY,
PURCE BARKER,
JOHN TPECHER,
Committee.

WESTMORELAND.

Real Estate Transfers and Other News From the Court Records.

Jos. E. Newcomer, lot in Monessen to Miles E. Hickman; $2,100. February 7, 1907.

Jos. E. Newcomer, lot in Monessen to Wm. E. Hockman; $2,100. February 7, 1907.

Mary W. Alcorn, land in Bell township to Alvira Cline, $1,00. December 21, 1906.

C. S. Armstrong, lot in New Kensington to Clark H. Allman, $3,000. February 5, 1907.

Wm. S. Grant, lot in Latrobe to Mabel E. Numan, $2,000. January 5, 1907.

William Best, lot in Latrobe to James McC. Shrum; $3,000. January 25, 1907.

Geo. J. Dorey, lot in Latrobe to Agnes Kirk; $1,800. October 25, 1906.

Lizzie H. Findley, lot in Irwin to Wm. C. Jenkins; $800. May 1, 1905.

Chas. A. Lewis, lot in Vandergrift to Chas. W. Bonner; $2,500. January 25, 1907.

P. Swords heirs, lot in Parnassus to A. F. Remsey; $97.50. February 11, 1907.

C. W. Landsperger, land in Rostraver township to John E. Johnston; $1,100. June 21, 1907.

James S. Beazele, land in Rostraver township to B. F. Beazele; $500. January 2, 1907.

James S. Beazele, land in Rostraver township to B. F. Beazele $1,00. December 11, 1906.

Atlantic Tool Steel Company, lot in South Greensburg to Lucien Clawson; $27,500. February 6, 1907.

John S. Sell, lot in Southwest Greensburg to D. W. Eicher; $10. February 9, 1907.

George W. Deeds, lot in Hempfield township to John H. McIlvain; $400. February 5, 1907.

William Lamont, lot in Monessen to H. R. Pore, $2,700. January 21, 1907.

H. S. Plessol, lot in North Belle Vernon to James A. Neil, $1,600. September 25, 1906.

J. S. Loucks, lot in Scottdale to M. F. Shaffer, $300. January 23, 1907.

O. M. Flemming, lot in East Huntingdon township to Jas. L. Graft, $2,800. January 15, 1907.

Marriage Licenses.

Robert S. Armstrong of Youngwood and Mary S. Gettemy of Hempfield township.

Israel Groes and Mary J. Landis, both of Hempfield township.

Elmer Nichols and Bessie M. Ault, both of Unity township.

Wm. A. McKee of New Kensington and Narnie J. Meighard, both of Lower Burrell township.

Harry E. Marks and Edie M. Crise both of Kecksburg.

Joseph Kimerer and Jean Gray, both of Jeannette.

Samuel G. Glassburn of Youngwood and Margaret C. Seeman of Scottdale.

Jas. H. Smith and Diana Davidson, both of Jeannette.

Thomas C. Metzler of Wilkinsburg and Catherine Cribbs of Youngstown.

John Rodeiangh and Jeannette Cowan, both of Belle Vernon.

COUNTY EXPENDITURES.

List of Bills Recently Paid by the County Commissioners.

J. M. Howard, Treasurer, election expenses	$ 208 87
John Boyle, Jr., costs in allegheny cases	85 00
Pay roll for court week ending ...	172 50
Treasurer Howard, fees of election officers, recorder, etc.	2 377 16
W. M. Liggins, publishing election proclamation	36 00
John S. Graham, salary as County Commissioner	125 00
Fayette County Gas Co., gas for county boilers for January	181 56
D. G. Johnson, burial of William Hackney, old soldier	50 00
D. G. Johnson, burial of Fielding Walker, deceased soldier	50 00
J. Frank Guy, on account as County Auditor	50 00
J. L. Moldom, 10,000 stamped envelopes for county officers	212 00
Tri-State Telephone Co., rents for public phone	42 00
M. A. Keiper, Sheriff's bill for January	1,432 23
Wm. Geurin, burial of Henry Gestner, soldier	50 00
W. G. Johnson & Co., supplies	262 50
Connellsville Courier, advertising	21 50
Janitors at Court House	48 00
Engineers at Court House	62 00
Justices' and Constables' costs	108 02
J. W. Rehl, on account as County Auditor	75 00
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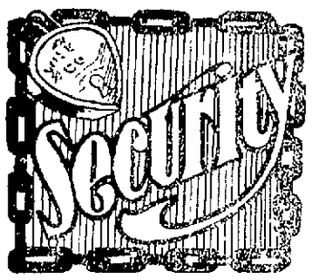

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"That's right," said Dominick, falling naturally into the role of political schoolmaster. "There ain't no government without responsibility, and there ain't no responsibility without organization, and there ain't no organization without men willing to sink their differences." He paused.

I looked my admiration—I was grateful to him for this chance to think him an intellect. Who likes to admit that he bows before a mere brute? The compulsory courtiers of a deputy may possibly and in part tell the truth about him, after they are safe; but was there ever a voluntary courtier whose opinion of his monarch could be believed? The more distinguished the courtier

"Well, Young Fellow, What Can I Do for You?"

the greater his necessity to exaggerate his royal master—or mistress—to others and to himself.

Dominick forged on: "Somebody's got to lead, and the leader's got to be obeyed. Otherwise what becomes of his party? Why, it goes to hell, and we've got anarchy."

This was terse, pointed, plausible—the stereotyped "machine" argument. I nodded emphatically.

"Ben Cass" he proceeded, "believes in discipline and organization and leadership only when they've elected him to a fat job. He wants to use the party, but when the party wants service in return, up goes Mr. Cass' snout and tail, and off he lopes. He's what I call a cast iron—" I shall omit the vigorous phrase wherein he summarized Cass. His vocabulary was not large; he therefore frequently resorted to the garbage barrel and the muck heap for missiles.

I showed in my face my scorn for the Cass sort of selfishness and insubordination. "The leader has all the strings in his hand," said I. "He's the only one who can judge what must be done. He must be trusted and obeyed."

"I see you've got the right stuff in you, young man," said Dominick, heartily. "So you want the job?"

I hesitated—I was thinking of him, of his bestial tyranny, and of my self-respect unsullied, but also untempted theretofore.

He scowled. "Do you, or don't you?"

"Yes," said I—I was thinking of the debts and mother and Betty. "Yes, indeed; I'd esteem it a great honor, and I'd be grateful to you." If I had thrust myself over-head into a sewer I should have felt less vile than I did as my fears and longings uttered those degrading words.

He grunted. "Well, we'll see. Tell the boys at the other table to cobe back." He nodded a dismissal and gave me that moist, strong grip again.

As I went toward the other table each man there had a hand round his glass in readiness for the message of recall. I mentally called the roll—wealth, respectability, honor, all on their knees before Dominick, each with his eye upon the branch of the plum tree that bore the kind of fruit he fancied. And I wondered how they felt inside—for I was then ignorant of the great foundation truth of practical ethics, that a man's conscience is not the producer but the product of his career.

Fessenden accompanied me to the door. "The old man is in a hell of a humor to-night" said he. "His wife's caught on to a little game he's been up to, and she's the only human being he's afraid of. She came in here, one night, and led him out by the ear. What a fool a man is to marry when there's a chance of running into a mess like that! But—you made a hit with him. Besides, he needs you. Your family—" Buck clocked himself, feeling that drink was making him voluble.

"He's a strong man, isn't he?" said I; "a born leader."

"Middle-weight champion in his day," replied Fessenden. "He can still knock out anybody in the organization in one round."

"Good night, and thank you," said I. So I went my way, not elated, but utterly depressed—more than depressed when I won the first case in which I knew my client's opponent was in the right and had lost only because I outgeneraled his stupid lawyer. I was, like most of the sons and daughters of the vigorous families of the earnest, deeply religious early-west, an idealist by inheritance and by training; but I suppose any young man, however practical, must feel a shock when he begins those compromises between theoretical and practical right which are part of the daily routine of active life, and without which active life is impossible.

I had said nothing to my mother, because I did not wish to raise her hopes—or her objections. I now decided to be silent until the matter should be settled. The next day but one Fessenden came, bad news in his face. "The old man like you," he began, "but—"

I had not then learned to control my expression. I could not help showing what ruins of lofty castles that ominous "but" dropped upon my head.

"You'll soon be used to getting it in the neck if you stay in politics," said Fessenden. "There's not much else. But you ain't so bad off as you think. The old man decided that he can afford to run one of his reliable hacks for the place. He's suddenly found a way of sinking his hooks into the head devil of the reformer's and Ben Cass' chief backer, Singer—you know him—the lawyer."

Singer was one of the leaders of the state bar and superintendent of our sunday school.

"Dominick has made De Forest give Singer the law business of the Gas and Street Railway company, so Singer is coming over to us." Buck grinned. "He has found that 'local interests must be subordinated to the broader interests of the party in state and nation.'"

I had been reading in our party's morning paper what a wise and patriotic move Singer had made in advising the putting off of a reform campaign—and I had believed in the sincerity of his motive!

Fessenden echoed my sneer, and went on: "He's a rotten hypocrite; but then, we can always pull the bung out of those reform movements that way."

"You said it isn't as bad for me as it seems," I interrupted.

"Oh, yes. You're to be on the ticket. The old man's going to send you to the legislature—lower house, of course."

I did not cheer up. An assemblyman got only a thousand a year.

"The pay ain't much," confessed Buck, "but there ain't nothing to do except vote according to order. Then there's a great deal to be picked up on the side—the old man understands that others have got to live besides him. Salaries in politics don't cut no figure nowadays, anyhow. It's the chance the place gives for pick-ups."

At first I flatly refused, but Buck pointed out that I was foolish to throw away the benefits sure to come through the "old man's" liking for me. "He'll take care of you," he assured me. "He's got you booked for a quick rise." My poverty was so pressing that I had not the courage to refuse—the year and a half of ferocious struggle and the longing to marry Betty Crosby had combined to break my spirit. I believe it is Johnson who says the worst feature of genteel poverty is its power to make one ridiculous. I don't think so. No; its worst feature is its power to make one afraid.

That night I told my mother of my impending "honors." We were in the dark on our little front porch. She was silent, and presently I thought I heard her suppress a sigh. "You don't like it, mother?" said I.

"No, Harvey, but—I see no light ahead in our direction, and I guess one should always steer toward what light there is." She stood behind my chair, put her hands on my shoulders, and rested her chin lightly on the top of my head. "Besides, I can trust you. Whatever direction you take, you're sure to win in the end."

I was glad it was dark. An hour after I went to bed I heard some one stirring in the house—it seemed to me there was a voice, too. I rose and went into the hall, and so, softly to my mother's room. Her door was ajar. She was near the window, kneeling there, praying—for me.

I had not been long in the legislature before I saw that my position was even more contemptible than I anticipated. So contemptible, indeed, was it that, had I not been away from home and among those as basely situated as myself, it would have been intolerable—a convict infinitely prefers the penitentiary to the chain gang. Then, too, there was consolation in the fact that the people, my fellow citizens in their stupidity and ignorance about political conditions, did not realize what public office had come to mean. At home they believed what the machine-controlled newspapers said of me—that I was a "manly, independent young man," that I was "making a vigorous stand for what was honest in public affairs," that I was the "honorable and distinguished son of an honorable and distinguished father." How often I read those and similar eulogies of young men just starting in public life! And is it not really amazing that the people believe, that they never say to themselves: "But, if he were actually what he so loudly professes to be, how could he have got public office from a boss and a machine?"

I soon gave up trying to fool myself into imagining I was the servant of the people by introducing or speaking for petty little popular measures. I saw clearly that graft was the backbone, the whole skeleton of legislative business and that its fleshly cover of pretended public service could be seen only by the blind. I saw, also, that no one in the machine of either party had any real power. The state boss of our party, United States Senator Dunkirk, was a creature and servant of corporations. Silliman, the state boss of the opposition party, was the same but got less for his service because his party was hopelessly in the minority, and its machine could be useful only as a sort of supplement and scapegoat.

With the men at the top, Dunkirk and Silliman, mere lackeys I saw my own future plainly enough. I saw myself crawling on year after year—crawling one of two roads. Either I should become a political scullion, a wretched party hack, despising myself and despised by those who used me, or I should develop into a lackey's lackey, or a plain lackey, the lieutenant of a boss or a boss, so-called—a derisive name, really, when the only kind of bossship open was head political procurer to one or more rich corporations or groups of corporations. I felt I should probably become a scullion, as I thought I had no taste or instinct for business, and as I was developing some talent for "mixing," and for dispensing "hot air" from the stump.

I turned these things over and over in my mind with an energy that sprang from shame, from the knowledge of what my mother would think if she knew the truth about her son, and from a realization that I was no nearer marrying Betty Crosby than before. At last I wrought myself into a sullen fury beneath a calm surface. The lessons in self-restraint and self-hiding I learned in that first of my two years as assemblyman have been invaluable.

When I entered upon my second and last winter I was outwardly as serene as—as a volcano on the verge of eruption.

CHAPTER III.

Sayler "Draws the Line."

In February the railways traversing our state sent to the capitol a bill that had been drawn by our ablest lawyers and reviewed by the craftiest of the great corporation lawyers of New York city. Its purpose, most shrewdly and slyly concealed was to exempt the railways from practically all taxation. It was so subtly worded that this would be disclosed only when the companies should be brought to court for refusing to pay their usual share of the taxes. Such measures are usually "straddled" through the legislature—that is, neither party takes the responsibility, but the boss of each machine assigns to vote for them all the men whose seats are secure beyond any ordinary assault of public indignation. In this case, of the 91 members of the lower house, 32 were assigned by Dunkirk and 17 by Silliman to make up a majority with three to spare.

My boss, Dominick, got wind that Dunkirk and Silliman were cutting an extra melon of uncommon size. He descended upon the capitol and served notice on Dunkirk that the 11 Dominick men assigned to vote for the bill would vote against it unless he got $7,000 apiece for them—$77,000. Dunkirk needed every one of Dominick's men to make up his portion of the majority; he yielded after trying in vain to reduce the price. All Dominick would say to him on that point, so I heard afterward, was:

"Every day you put me off I go up a thousand dollars a head."

We who were to be voted so profitably for Dunkirk, Silliman, Dominick and the railroads, learned what was going on—Silliman went in a "tear" and talked too much. Nine of us, not including myself, got together and sent Cassidy, member from the Second Jackson county district, to Dominick to plead for a share. I happened to be with him in the Capital City Hotel bar when Cassidy came up, and hemming and hawing, explained how he and his fellow insurgents felt.

Dominick's veins seemed cords straining to bind down a demon struggling to escape. "It's hard to the bench you go, Pat Cassidy—back to the bench where I found you," he snarled, with a volley of profanity and savage. "I don't know nothing about this here bill except that it's for the good of the party. Go back to that gang of damned wharf rats and tell 'em, if I hear another squeak, I'll put 'em where I got 'em."

Cassidy shrank away with a furtive glance of envy and hate at me, whom Dominick treated with peculiar consideration—I think it was because I was the only man of education of any pretensions to "family" in official position in his machine. He used to like to class himself and me together as "we gentlemen," in contrast to "them muckers," meaning my colleagues.

Next day, just before the voting began, Dominick seated himself at the front of the governor's gallery—the only person in it. I see him now as he looked that day—black and heavy-jowled and scowling, leaning forward and both forearms on the railing, and his big, flat chin resting on his upturned stubby thumbs. He was there to see that each of us, his creatures, dependent absolutely upon him for our political lives, should vote as he had sold us in block. There was no chance to shirk or even to squirm. As the roll-call proceeded, one after another, seven of us, obeyed that will frowning from the gallery—jumped through the hoop of fire under the quivering lash. I was the eighth on the roll.

"Sayler!" How my name echoed through that horrible silence!

I could not answer. Gradually every face turned toward me—I could see them, could feel them, and, to make bad enough worse, I yielded to an imperious fascination, the fascination of that incarnation of brute-power—power of muscle and power of will. I turned my eyes upon the amazed, furious eyes of my master. It seemed to me that his lips must give passage to the oaths and filth swelling beneath his chest, and seething behind his eyes.

"Sayler!" repeated the clerk in a voice that exploded within me.

"No!" I shouted—not in answer to the clerk, but in denial of that insolent master-to-dog command from the beast in the gallery.

The look in his eyes changed to relief and contemptuous approval. There was a murmur of derision from my fellow members. Then I remembered that a negative was, at that stage of the bill, a vote for it—I had done just the reverse of what I intended. The roll-call went on, and I sat debating with myself. Prudence, inclination, the natural timidity of youth, the utter futility of opposition, fear, above all else, fear—these joined in bidding me let my vote stand as cast. On the other side stood my notion of self-respect. I felt I must then and there and for ever decide whether I was a thing or a man. Yet, again and again I had voted for measures just as corrupt—had voted for them with no protest beyond a cynical shrug and a wry look. Every man, even the lowest, if he is to continue to "count as one," must have a point where he draws the line beyond which he will not go. The liar must have things he will not lie about, the thief things he will not steal, the compromiser things he will not compromise, the practical man of the pulpit, in politics, in business, in the professor's chair, or editorial tribune, things he will not sacrifice, whatever the cost. That is "practical honor." I had reached my line of practical honor, my line between possible compromise and certain demoralization. And I realized it.

When the roll-call ended I rose, and, in a voice that I knew was firm and clear, said: "Mr. Speaker, I voted in the negative by mistake. I wish my vote to be recorded in the affirmative. I am against the bill."

Amid a fearful silence I took my seat. With a suddenness that made me leap, a wild and crazy assemblyman, noted as the crank of that session, emitted a fantastic yell of enthusiastic approval. Again there was that silence; then the tension of the assembly floor and crowded galleries, burst forth in a storm of hysterical laughter.

I wish I could boast how brave I felt as I reversed my vote, how indifferent to that tempest of mockery, and how strong as I went forth to meet my master and hear my death-warrant. But I can't, in honesty—I'm only a human being, not a hero, and these are my confessions, not my professions. So I must relate that, though the voice that requested the change of vote was calm and courageous, the man behind it was agitated and sick with dread. There may be those who have the absolute courage some men boast—if not directly, then by implication in despising him who has it not. For myself, I must say that I never made a venture—and my life has been a succession of ventures, often with my whole stake upon the table—I never made a venture that I did not have a sickening sensation at the heart. My courage, if it can be called by so sounding a name, can been in daring to make the throw when every atom of me was shrieking: "You'll lose! You'll be ruined!"

I did not see Dominick until after supper. I had nerved myself for a scene—indeed, I had been hoping he would insult me. When one kicks he courage boldly to advance along the perilous course his intelligence

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counsels, he is lucky if he can and will goad some one into kicking him along it past the point where retreat is possible. Such methods of advance are not dignified, but then, is life dignified? To my surprise and alarm, Dominick refused to kick me into manhood. He had been paid, and the $77,000, in bills of large denomination, was warming his heart from the inner pocket of his waistcoat. So he came up to me scowling, but friendly.

"Why didn't you tell me you wanted to be let off, Harvey?" he said, reproachfully. "I'd 'a' done it. Now, damn you, you've put me in a place where I've got to give you the whip."

To flush at this expression from Dominick was a hypocritical refinement of sensitiveness. To draw myself up haughtily, to turn on my heel and walk away—that was the silliness of a boy. Still, I am glad I did both these absurd things. When I told my mother how I had ruined myself in politics she began to cry—and tears were not her habit. Then she got my father's picture and kissed it and talked to it about me, just as if he were there with us; and for a time I felt that I was of heroic stature.

But as the days passed, with no laurels in the form of cases and fees, and as clients left me through fear of Dominick's power, I shriveled back to human size and descended from my pedestal. From the ground-level I began again to look about the matter-of-fact world.

I saw I was making only a first small payment on the heavy price for the right to be free to break with any man or any enterprise that menaced my self-ownership. That right I felt I must keep, whatever its cost. Some men can, or think they can, lend their self-ownership and take it back at convenience; I knew I was not of them—and let none of them judge me. Especially let none judge me who only deludes himself that he owns himself, who has sold himself all his life long for salaries and positions or for wealth, or for the empty reputation of power he wields only on another's sufferance.

A glance about me was enough to disclose the chief reason why so many men had surrendered the inner citadel of self-respect. In the crucial hour, when they had had to choose between subservience and a hard battle with adversity, forth from their hearts had fled a traitor weakness, the feeling of responsibility to wife and children, and this traitor had easily delivered them captive to some master or masters. More or less, than human, it seemed to me, was the courage that could make a successful resistance to this traitor, and could strike down and drag down wife and children. "I must give up Elizabeth," I said to myself, "for her own sake as well as for mine. Marry her I must not until I am established securely in freedom. And when will that be?" In my hood of darkness and despair, the answer to that question was a relentless "Never, especially if you are weighted with the sense of obligation to her, or her wasting her youth in waiting for you."

I wrote her all that was in my mind. "You must forget me," I said, "and I shall forget you—for I see that you are not for me."

The answer came by telegraph: "Please don't ever be so to me in that way." And of the letter which came two days later I remember clearly this sentence: "If you will not let me go on with you, I will make the journey alone."

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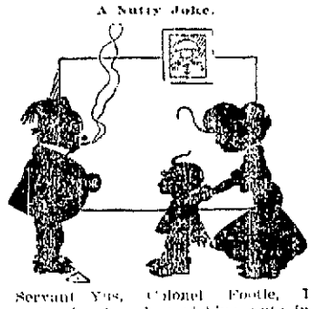

Servant Yes, Colonel Foote, I caught this 'ere boy picking nuts in your woods, and he said he was picking 'em for the colonel.

Boy—Well, what did yer think I was picking them for—the shell?

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Don't Use Any Remedy That Keeps Its Formula a Secret.

People troubled with stomach weakness cannot afford to use a medicine unless they know what it contains.

Mi-o-na is the one remedy for stomach troubles that publishes its formula. Chemically pure bismuth subgallate, to relay any irritation of the stomach and bowels; cerium oxalate, to strengthen the stomach nerves; sodium dicarbonate, to neutralize the poisonous acids that are present in stomach troubles; nux vomica, which restores vigor to the digestive organs and tones up the whole nervous system.

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For PITTSBURG.—Week days, 5.00, 7.11, 7.55, 10.15 A. M.; 3.20, 5.40, 6.35 8.00 P. M.; Sundays, 5.00, 7.11, 7.55 A. M. and 3.20, 6.35 and 8.00 P. M.

For WASHINGTON, PA., and WHEELING.—Week days, 5.00, 10.15 A. M.; 3.20 and 8.00 P. M. Sundays, 5.00 A. M.; 3.20 and 8.00 P. M.

For MT. PLEASANT.—Week days, 10.25 A. M.

For UNIONTOWN.—Week days, 10.00 A. M.; 4.25 and 6.50 P. M. Sundays, 10.00 A. M. and 6.50 P. M.

For MORGANTOWN and FAIRMONT.—Week days, 10.00 A. M.; 4.25 and 6.50 P. M. Sundays, 10.00 A. M. and 6.50 P. M.

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For BERLIN.—Week days, 8.45 A. M. and 3.00 P. M.

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DAY OF LONGFELLOW.

Class at the Public School Had Fine Program Yesterday.

RECITED AND READ PAPERS.

Which Were Excellent in Style and Delivery and Won Applause from Pupils and Patrons Who Were Present.

Longfellow's birthday was fittingly celebrated Wednesday afternoon by Class No 9 A of the public school An excellent and appropriate program was carried out the various number being rendered with much feeling and expression The only visitors present were the members of the division B class

The following was the program Biography of Longfellow Miss Leora Lane recitation The Psalm of Life by the school Story of Elizabeth Don Brill recitation Sandalphon Miss Gertrude Sisty recitation The Rainy Day by the school Story of Evangeline Miss Ruth Miller recitation The Three Kings Miss Irene Holland Courtship of Miles Standish Miss Marie Gemis recitation The Arrows and the Song and Snowflakes by the school Selection from Prelude of Hiawatha school Hiawatha's Childhood" Miss Jean Shaw Hiawatha's Fasting Miss Vivian Shaw Hiawatha's Friends Montgomery Dilworth Hiawatha's Sailings Donald Reed Hiawatha's Wooing Miss Gertie Goodman Hiawatha's Wedding Lloyd McClelland The Famine Clarence Port Hiawatha's Departure Miss Carrie Percy recitation The Old Clock on the Stairs school recitation The Wreck of the Hesperus, Miss Marguerite Leth quotations The Ladder of St Augustine The Wind Over the Chimney Something Left Undone and Santa Filomena recitation The Reaper and the Flowers school recitation 'The Day is Done' school recitation 'The Village Blacksmith George Landis quotations Maidenhood 'Golden Milestone Resignation 'Ship of State recitation Paul Revere's Ride Karl Marshall recitation To Stay at Home is Best School,' school

THE EAGLE'S FLIGHT.

Tony Bufano Will Ride Bird of Freedom in Flight of Oratory for Italians Tonight.

Italians from all over Fayette county will gather at Uniontown this evening for the formal opening of the Independent Italian Political and Social Club Antonio Bufano President of the Club will head the delegation from Connellsville and will make the principal address of the evening Frank Maddis a wealthy Italian business man of the Masontown district will also address the Club Later in the evening speeches will be general and limited to no subject political social or otherwise

Great preparations have been made for the opening of the Club this evening It is expected that 200 representative Italians of Fayette county will be present

GOLDEN WEDDING.

Anniversary of Mr and Mrs Murat Halstead at Their Cincinnati Home on Saturday

Mr and Mrs Murat Halstead will celebrate their golden wedding at their home in Cincinnati O Saturday Mrs Jean H Davidson and son Marshall Halstead accompanied by Mr and Mrs Wilet Halstead and Mr and Mrs L F Ruh will leave this evening Mrs L F Ruh will leave Friday evening, to be present on the very auspicious occasion

Mr Halstead is the dean of American journalism and is known throughout the length and breadth of the land by his writing This will be present at the celebration persons from all over America and several from foreign countries have accepted invitations

LETTERS GRANTED

Administrators Give Bond in Two Estates in Uniontown

UNIONTOWN Feb 28—Letters of administration were granted in the estate of Andrew J Gilmore late of Uniontown to Hugh Gilmore and George W Gilmore this morning Bond in the sum of $170 000 was given The personal property is valued at $80 000

L S Showalter this morning was granted letters of administration in the estate of A B Showalter late of Smithfield Bond in the sum of $2 000 was given

Christian Church Tonight

The sacred concert to be given tonight at the Christian Church will be perhaps the finest of its kind ever given in Connellsville The talent is all local with the exception of Mr Davenny violinist of the Pittsburg orchestra The program will be carried out as published last evening The first number The Gallia will be sung beginning at 8 15 A silver offering will be received.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
Made from
Pure Grape Cream of Tartar

The only excuse for buying anything but a Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Baking Powder is to save a few cents in price.

¶ROYAL costs you a few cents more per can than Alum or Phosphate of Lime powders, but it is worth far more than the difference to keep your biscuits, cakes and pastry free from the injurious effects of these cheapening substitutes.

¶Continued use of Alum means permanent injury to health.

Avoid Alum Ailments—Say plainly
ROYAL BAKING POWDER

NEW FRONT.

The Reichstein Store on West Main Street Will Have Fine Entrance

The store of B Reichstein on West Main street is to have an entirely new front A contract was let this morning to the Connellsville Construction Company to put in a front that will not be behind that of any other store on the street The old front will be torn out There will be two front windows nine feet deep and a new side window running back nine feet will be put in

At the corner a column will support the upper story The entrance will be tiled in fancy design in mosaic The walls and ceilings will be panelled Fifty electric lights will be placed in the entrance

The contractors will take charge of the work at once

HENRY'S RECORD.

Dawson Men in Fine Form in Match With Casino Bowling Team Last Night

DAWSON Feb 28—The Dawson Bowling team defeated the first Casino team from Connellsville last night on the Dawson alleys taking two out of three games They also defeated Connellsville by 58 pins Henry the Dawson Bowler gave the best exhibition of bowling ever seen on the Dawson alleys making a total of 211 pins which is an average of 200 in the three games He rolled two 200 games 202 and 211 After the game Henry of the Dawson team and Richey of the Connellsville rolled a game and Henry won Richey giving up the contest in the eighth frame

The Dawson team will play the Dunbar team on the Dawson alleys Friday night

CONCERT COMPANY

Will Appear in Y M C A Lecture Course Tonight

The finest entertainment of the season will be given in the Y M C A auditorium this evening by the Broeler Ladies Concert Company They are all skilled musicians and are equally as entertaining in both solo work as they are in their quartette numbers The company is highly praised and has been very carefully selected for individual merit as well as the artistic skill in the quartette Come and hear the ladies your appreciation for the music this country ever produced

Tickets are on sale at the Y M C A office Doors open at 8 o'clock On account of the illness of Mrs Ruh the meeting for the Sunday school teachers will be postponed till one week from this evening

PRIVATE LINES

Run Between Connellsville and Uniontown for Local Firms

Two private telephone lines have been run between Connellsville and Uniontown by the Bell Telephone Company for the use of the Wright Metzler Company and the Connellsville Grocery Company Each company has stores in both towns

The line of the grocery company has been in operation for several days but that for the Wright Metzler was just opened this morning

Royal Neighbors at Morgantown

Miss Bertha V Steese of Dawson lectured Tuesday night at Morgantown in behalf of a new lodge about to be organized in Morgantown Know as the Royal Neighbors an auxiliary of the Modern Woodmen of America A lodge will be organized there

Order The Sunday Courier now

SUES FOR $10,000.

Action Against Dudley Pickels Well Known in Connellsville

PITTSBURG Feb 28—(Special)—In common pleas court No 1 yesterday afternoon Lilla L Riggs through her attorneys S J Snyder filed an action against Dudley Pickels asking $10 000 damages She is the widow of Boleen G Riggs late of Snowden township Allegheny county He starting suit says that Pickels is the holder of a liquor license near Brucetown station on the Wheeling Division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and that Pickels on December 29 1906 furnished liquor to the plaintiff's husband who was of intemperate habits and that by reason of his becoming intoxicated Riggs wandered on the railroad tracks and was killed A capias was issued

BOOM FOR KNOX.

Congressman James Francis Burke Places the Pittsburg Senator in Nomination for President.

Special to The Courier

WASHINGTON Feb 28—A boom for President was formally launched for Senator P C Knox of Pennsylvania last evening Congressman James Francis Burke of Pittsburg in the place of the Pennsylvania delegation in Congress placed in nomination to succeed Theodore Roosevelt Uncle Jim Hunt junior Senator from the Keystone Commonwealth The boom was launched at a farewell dinner given by the Pennsylvania to Representative Dermot of Williamsport who was defeated by his Democratic opponent Congressman Burke said in part

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When Mr Burke words were drowned by the cheers they got up and cheered his sentiments for several minutes The resignation of Second Assistant Postmaster General Shallenberger of Rochester Pa was tendered and accepted to take effect Monday Representative James L McCreary of Minnesota in the high tariff standpat man who was defeated at the last election will succeed him The resignation of Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden is expected in a very short time The President will not fill that office in advance of George von Meyer becoming Postmaster General as a part of the general reorganization of Postoffice and Treasury Departments which he has long been contemplating

Bought Porter Property

Peter Rutsek has bought the Henry Potter property corner of South Arch street and Porter avenue The price paid was $800 The premises on Arch street 50 feet wide and extends back on Porter avenue 212 feet It is improved with two room houses leaving one vacant lot Mr Rutsek bought for investment He will erect a two family house on the vacant lot The sale was effected by J A Mason the real estate broker

Ground Broken

Contractor William M Cormick broke ground this morning on the excavation for the new Masonic building being erected on South Pittsburg street This is the first time the weather has been favorable to this work

Local and Personal Mention.

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Mrs Mary Shilling [illegible]

Mrs Lillie Duke of Arthur [illegible]

[illegible]

Mr and Mrs Charles Stillwagon were Pittsburg visitors [illegible]

Mrs Wm H Mitchell [illegible] but were in town [illegible]

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The New Telescope of 1907.

Here's an exact reproduction of the newest headgear for 1907, a 2½ in. rim and 3¾ in. tapering crown distinguishes this hat from the one you've known. Made of soft flexible felt, it is light in weight, self-conforming and easily the snappiest spring top-piece you can don. We show it in three colors and two grades, black, grey and nutria, with contrasting bindings, at

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We also direct attention to our superb line of new '07 derbies now being displayed in our window. Some of the styles are extreme but nobby dressers are wearing them.

Wright-Metzler Co.

The Secret of Success the Banks Tell You

Is in saving a little every month and placing it with them at 4 per cent. We will save you 5 to 20 per cent. on your grocery bill every month. If you will only place your account with us Can you think of any better way of making money?

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

Lean White Cherries	10c	5c packs Salt	10c	boxes Seedless Raisins	25c
Lemon Cheese	20c	5c boxes Matches	10c	boxes Evaporated Apples	25c
Lemon Cake Plums	15c	7c packs Scouring	5c	pounds Choice Prunes	25c
Cans Strawberry Beets	25c	5c boxes Stove Polish	10c	1 pound Pitted Cherries	25c
Can Sugar Corn	10c	7c packages Soda	6c	20c Cake Hershey Chocolate	17c
Cans String Beans	25c	10c bottles Vanilla	25c	Lion Triple Mill	15c
dozen Sweet Soul Pickles	25c	10c boxes Coconut	20c	2 cans Honey	20c
Pint bottles Tomato Catsup	25c	3 pounds 20c Coffee	50c	25c Jar Jam	15c

50 lb sack White Satin Flour $1.25 | 10 lb Sack Corn Meal 17c
[illegible] boxes Presto Biscuit Flour 25c | [illegible] Pancake Flour [illegible]
[illegible] boxes Reliable Biscuit Flour 5c | 2 boxes Grape Nuts 25c
[illegible] pounds loose Rolled Oats 25c | [illegible] boxes Force 25c

At our fresh meat counter you get nothing but the best of everything in the fresh meat line.

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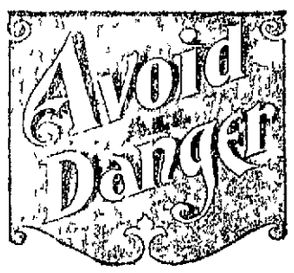

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